

Email from Carolyn Terry to Essex early years and childcare and childcare providers

From: Free Entitlement Funding Queries

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Subject: Urgent - Please Read - Covid-19 Update 15 April 2020

Dear All

I hope you managed to get some rest over the long Easter weekend, to spend some time with your family and had the opportunity to enjoy the sunshine

There have been limited updates for the early years sector in the last week, but please see the attached [DfE Coronavirus Daily update](#) to all early years, children's social care, schools and further education providers. This includes the new Coronavirus (COVID-19) business support hub which is now live and can be found here at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus/business-support>. Please also see the attached briefing note which provides some more information and a link to the HMRC webinar

A number of you have told us that you may re-open after the Easter school holidays. If you are intending to re-open can you let us know please? We can then update our records and signpost any critical worker parents looking for childcare to you.

There is an increasing concern regarding the reduction in children attending A&E and seeking medical advice during the COVID 19 crisis. Much of this is due to the misunderstanding that all NHS services are focusing on COVID and normal services are not 'open'. The following resources have been approved by NHS England for dissemination to support parents and carers of when to seek help and advice and which service they should contact.

- The following link is a video produced locally by two clinicians (and approved by NHSE/I) to inform parents of the services available and when to seek help :
<https://youtu.be/u5Mgm1cmptw>
- Attached [advice for parents of an unwell child \(ren\)](#)

Could I please ask that you share these resources with your families and staff so this can be accessed by the maximum amount of parents possible

The Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service have also put together several resources to support families. Please see the attached [ECFWS flyer on Hub Resources](#) for more detail and sharing with your families and staff

And finally attached is an [updated FAQ document](#) covering the recent queries we have received, including the actual headcount process and timeline. Can you all please also remind

your parents that are eligible for the Extended Entitlement Funding (30 hours) that they do still need to continue to be re-confirming their eligibility, even if they are keeping their children at home.

Best wishes

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