

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

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Dear All

Following on from information we shared with you earlier in the week, we have now also put together some FAQs around EYFS Practice and Provision based on queries we have been receiving to support any re-opening planning you are undertaking alongside an EYFS re-opening framework, both of which are attached to this email

The Early Years Education Partners are available to provide support for any further EYFS practice queries you may have around planning to re-open and you can email and request support directly from them by emailing the following mailboxes: -

For settings based in: -

North East Essex (Colchester and Tendring) - eyanortheast@essex.gov.uk

Mid Essex (Chelmsford, Maldon and Braintree) - EYAdvisers.Mid@Essex.gov.uk

West Essex (Harlow, Epping Forest and Uttlesford) - EYFS.West@essex.gov.uk

South Essex (Basildon, Brentwood, Castlepoint and Rochford) -
EYadviser.South@essex.gov.uk

We have also produced a Returning to Early Years poster that you might find helpful to use in communicating changes to parents (attached) along with the promotional poster the DfE has produced on implementing social distancing

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-on-implementing-social-distancing-in-education-and-childcare-settings/promotional-poster>

'Reasonable Endeavours' in relation to the provision of EHCPs

Please see attached guidance and key messages in relation to the temporary amendments to the EHCP legislation, the Essex plan to implement the guidance and the support available for settings and schools. Our approach includes:

- Training all our SEND and Early Years teams and **allocating a key LA contact** for every Early Years setting, school and college. This link person will be contacting your

setting if you have a child with an EHCP from Monday 1 June to provide all the resources and offer their support. They are available to support at every stage of the plan.

- **A training session for your SENCO** and setting which explains the legislation, the ask of SENCOs (step-by-step) and the materials available. This powerpoint presentation will be available on the Early Years Covid-19 webpage that can be found at <https://eycp.essex.gov.uk/covid19-coronavirus/>. We would ask you to share this link with your SENCo.
- We are also offering a **daily Helpline or Question and Answer** stages in the early stages to make sure any queries or questions can be answered when your SENCo has had chance to read and digest the information.

Please share the presentation / training with your SENCO or named person who will be overseeing the work in your setting.

Please see attached **information for parents**, including a letter from Clare Kershaw, Director for Education. Please do share this information with your parents of children with EHCPs. This is to make them aware of the temporary legislation changes and to enable them to prepare for their reasonable endeavours conversation. These will also be uploaded to the Local Offer.

Thank you to all of you that completed our on-line survey, especially as for a lot you this would have been the second time of completing. The information within this will be very helpful for us to use to review to see if there is any other support we can offer.

For those of you that have requested the supply of a small emergency PPE pack, we will be contacting you on Tuesday to start this process of issuing you with this. There will be a form we will need you to return to us, and once we have received this back we will be able to allocate you a collection point. This is being planned for the end of next week to allow us to receive the supplies and distribute to collection points around the county

Suppliers of PPE

Some of you have also asked for a list of suppliers that you can contact directly to order your own stock, and so attached is a list of suppliers who have advised Essex County Council that they have Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) available for purchase for those that require it. These suppliers have given permission for their details to be shared and are listed in alphabetical order with no order of preference.

Safeguarding Briefing

Please see attached safeguarding briefing, which covers the following topics: risk assessments and welfare checks; children and families hub; notification of a scam from Essex Police; model bereavement policy; domestic abuse; Essex Safeguarding Children's Board; Team around the family; Essex Child and Family Well-being Service; and Welfare Service.

SEN Premium Funding process for the Summer 2020 term

Please find attached the Covid-19 PO form which sets out the process for completing to access the SEN Premium funding for the Summer 2020 term. Completed forms should be sent to pre-school.allocationspanel@essex.gov.uk by 12 June 2020

Please find a link to the following update guidance, that covers update information on the Extended Entitlement funding (30 hours)

[What parents and carers need to know about schools and other education settings during the coronavirus outbreak](#)

There is a lot of information to digest in this email, and please let us know if there are any areas we can provide any further clarifications on to help you with this

And finally, I hope you are all able to enjoy the bank holiday weekend

Best wishes

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