

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

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Dear All

As you will all be aware, yesterday afternoon, the Prime Minister announced that the Government's five tests for easing the lockdown in England had been met, enabling all children to be welcomed back to early years settings and a phased return of some children to school, from Monday 1 June 2020.

We know that you have been digesting all the information issued to help you make decisions on re-opening. Further information can be found in the recently issued DfE Early Years planning guide is available [here](#); along with a Foundation Years video podcast that if you haven't already seen you may find help to watch that is available [here](#).

We have also reviewed the Early Years guidance for re-opening that we issued last week to support you with your planning, and have attached a slightly updated version to this email based on the DfE Early Years planning guide along with some additional EYFS Practice FAQs

Thank to you to all of you that have updated us with your decisions around re-opening, and for those of you that haven't yet done that, could you please let us know as soon as you are able to please? As well as any amendments for the rest of this term

For the time being at least, we are still required to provide the twice weekly attendance data to the DfE and so please continue to respond to these surveys and we will add any newly opened setting to this request

There has been a lot of information shared over the last few days and so I have include links to the key guidance documents below for your information

[PM confirms schools, colleges and nurseries on track to begin phased reopening](#)

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): getting tested](#)

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[Help children aged 2 to 4 to learn at home during coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

[Supporting children and young people with SEND as schools and colleges prepare for wider opening](#)

And as a reminder, all of the information we have shared with you during Covid-19 can be found on the Early Years Covid-19 page on the Early years and Childcare Provider pages which can be found at <https://eycp.essex.gov.uk/covid19-coronavirus/>

Best wishes

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