

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

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Subject: Urgent - Please Read - Covid-19 Update 3 June 2020

Dear Provider

Following on from yesterday's Comms, the full updated guidance document I mentioned was issued yesterday afternoon, and can be found at the following link [Actions for early years and childcare providers during the coronavirus outbreak](#)

For any of you that are offering wrap around childcare, either as part of your early years offer or specifically as an out of school provider, I would like to draw your attention to the following section in the updated guidance: -

6.3 Are before and after school clubs allowed to operate?

Providers which are registered with Ofsted or with a Childminder Agency which have before and after school clubs on school premises and can ensure they follow the protective measures guidance, are able to operate.

This is only the case for registered providers which operate on school premises.

All other out of school settings are not able to reopen.

The Out of School Alliance also has the following on this point on their webpage: -

- ***You can only provide wraparound childcare to the children who are attending school.*** You cannot provide childcare for children who are not attending school, whether that's because the school cannot accommodate them at this time (eg insufficient space for all the eligible children), or because their parents don't want to send them back to school yet, or because their year groups aren't yet eligible to return to school (ie they're in years 2 to 5).
- ***You can only provide wraparound childcare if you operate on school premises, and follow the same health protection procedures as the school, and the headteacher is satisfied with your arrangements.***
- ***You can only provide wraparound childcare to the children of the school within which you operate.*** You cannot take children from other schools.

This means that if you operate your wraparound setting from a separate premises, such as a community centre or church hall, you cannot open. The DfE updated its published guidance on 2 June to include this new rule (see para 6.3 above):

The full article can be found at <http://outofschoolalliance.co.uk/restrictions-on-clubs-reopening>

We will be picking this up with the DfE as a matter of urgency, as we are aware that for some of you the children of critical workers will have been attending through the whole of the lockdown period and this will have a big impact on these children and their parents' ability to work.

Some of you that have been affected by this have already been in touch, but if you haven't and would like to discuss with us, can you contact your relevant EYCC Children's Community Development Lead so we can see if there is any further support or guidance we can offer you:-

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Best wishes

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