

Updated FAQs 1 July 2020

We have a family where the parent only has travelled abroad and returned to this country. Does the whole family need to self-isolate? Can the parent bring the child to the setting?

Only the member of the family who travelled abroad needs to self-isolate, not the rest of the family.

You need to risk assess this situation in line with your setting policy, but as a minimum in this instance the parent who travelled abroad needs to self-isolate for 14 days, or provide evidence of a test in the UK that she is clear of Covid-19. In the meantime, the children can attend the setting so long as someone else from the household brings and collects them. Should the parent who travelled abroad become symptomatic, the whole household will need to self-isolate for 14 days

If a setting currently has a stretched offer for FEEE funding, are they able to amend their policy to have a term time only offer for the summer term so that parents have to pay fees for all of the childcare in the summer holidays?

No, any changes to how the FEEE funding is offered cannot be made part way through a term, as a parent declaration form (or other confirmation during Covid-19) has been signed.

Any proposed changes to how the FEEE funding will be offered must be discussed ahead of any changes being made and parents should be given reasonable notice of any change, in line with the Essex FEEE Funding contract and the setting's contract with parents beforehand.