

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

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Dear All

Just in case you haven't yet seen, here is the link to the updated [Actions for early years and childcare providers during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak](#) guidance that was issued today.

This guidance provides updates on the following sections: -

- sets out a change to the protective measures in early years settings that will be effective from 20 July, removing the requirement to keep children in small consistent groups within settings, but still minimising mixing where possible (sections 2.1 and 3.3)
- new content on risk assessment (3.1), supporting staff with increased risk factors (3.2) and system of controls (3.3)
- updated content on attendance at settings for those shielding, with changes to the advice effective from 1 August, and removal of content on vulnerable children since settings are open for all children (section 4)
- updated content on wraparound care (5.3)
- an update on Early Years Foundation Stage reforms (7.6) and Reception Baseline Assessment (7.7)

We are in the process of comparing the guidance with the re-opening guidance we issued for 1 June, and will circulate this early next week. In the meantime, if you would like any support in planning for opening in September please contact your local Early Years Education Partner via the following mailboxes: -

For settings based in: -

North East Essex (Colchester and Tendring) - [eyanortheast@essex.gov.uk](mailto:eyanortheast@essex.gov.uk)

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Best wishes

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