

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

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Subject: Urgent - Please Read - Covid-19 Update 28 August 2020

Dear Provider

Please find updates below on the following items: -

- **Face Coverings in Education**
- **Information on training courses available**
- **Bookstart**
- **Recent DfE guidance issued**
- **Update FAQs**

Face Coverings in Education please find the link to the latest official guidance on the use of face coverings in schools, colleges and early years setting that has been announced this week.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-in-education/face-coverings-in-education>

Information on training Courses available - The ECC training programme has some new and innovative courses for you to book onto. There are courses to meet your learning needs including live webinars like Engaging parents in home learning, Effective room leader and Supporting children learning English as an additional language. Dates available during weekdays, weekends and evenings. To find out more and book [click here](#).

The Essex EYFS newsletter will provide you with more information on our latest courses and helpful tips. It's **free** to join so why not sign up [here](#).

Safeguarding training

- **Safeguarding training levels:** A reminder that information on the levels can be found on the [ESCB website](#).
- **Level 1:** Information on the free Safeguarding Level 1 training can be found on the [Essex Safeguarding Children's Board \(ESCB\) website](#).
- **Level 2:** Our live webinars with Reconstruct (ESCB approved provider) continue. Did you know? We are running more Level 2 courses on Saturdays now. [Book now](#).
- **Level 3:** Designated Person for Child Protection in Early Years Settings - Safeguarding Level 3 and the refresher are available [here](#).

Food Hygiene training

The [Food Standards Agency](#) has guidance on food safety and hygiene. Training is also available from the [National Day Nurseries Association](#) and the [Chartered Institute of Environmental Health](#).

Paediatric First Aid training (PFA)

The [Register of Regulated Qualifications](#) may help providers to identify paediatric first aid training. The [Health and Safety Executive \(HSE\)](#) has guidance on selecting a first aid provider.

You may wish to enquire with the following training companies about local training:

- [St John's Ambulance](#)
- [Tiger Lily First Aid Training](#)
- [British Red Cross Training](#)

Bookstart – please see the attached information that is being put together to promote Bookstart to more families. Do please share this with your families and let us know if you would like to know more about how you can promote this yourselves to your families.

Recent DfE guidance issued - in the last comms I shared with you the following updated guidance. I just wanted to ensure that, despite its title, this guidance is relevant to all childcare providers and not just those offering out of school provision. So, if you haven't read and digested yet, please make sure you do as soon as you can.

Updated guidance - the DfE issued the following two updated guidance documents on the 20 August 2020:

- Protective measures for holiday and after-school clubs, and other out-of-school settings during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak issues
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/protective-measures-for-holiday-or-after-school-clubs-and-other-out-of-school-settings-for-children-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/protective-measures-for-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>
- Guidance for parents and carers of children attending out-of-school settings during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

Main changes across both sets of guidance

- Guidance amended to extend its applicability into the autumn school term, and reflect that state schools have now closed for the summer holidays
- Set out a change to the protective measures which will be effective from the point at which all pupils return to school in the autumn, making clear the position on group sizes and how providers can minimise the risk of children mixing outside their school bubbles
- Added additional content on shared resources.

Update FAQs please find attached some additional FAQs for your information.

I hope you all have a restful bank holiday weekend.

Best wishes

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