

Email from Sandie Leader on behalf of Carolyn Terry to Essex early years and childcare and childcare providers

Dear Provider

Hope you have all had a good week and are looking forward to a restful weekend.

Carolyn is having a well deserved few days off on annual leave this week, so she has asked me to send out the comms on her behalf.

Please find updates below on the following areas:

- DfE Attendance Survey
- Childcare Sufficiency Survey
- FAQs – SEN Premium
- Foundation Years Resource Hub
- Essex Family Forum Parent Survey

Attendance Survey – thank you to those of you who have been continuing to complete the weekly attendance survey. From next week, Monday 12 October 2020, we have extended the period of time you have to submit your attendance data.

- The survey will open each Monday morning and close at 4pm each Thursday
- You will be able to select your busiest attendance day for each week and submit this data between these periods – please ensure whichever day you choose you continue to use this for each week going forward so we have a consistent comparison

The link for the survey remains the same <https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/workforce-development-1/abd4a0d4>. If you are currently closed, please do not forget to email FEEEQueries@essex.gov.uk to notify us of when you are open so that we can update our records.

Childcare Sufficiency survey – Providers should have received an email from our Children Community Development Leads with regards to completing the Autumn 2020 Childcare Sufficiency Survey. The data collected will enable us to analyse the impact Covid-19 is having on the availability of childcare places. The survey will be open from Monday 12th October until Monday 26th October. The link to this survey is: <https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/workforce-development-1/be6b7b5f>

SEN Premium FAQ - Settings have been asking about how they can access SEN Premium funding. We have included a reminder of the SEN Premium process in the FAQs attached.

Foundation Years Resource Hub – Foundation Years have launched a new hub to support all early years providers during the COVID-19 outbreak. It includes the latest policy updates, Government guidance, and free resources from across the early years sector all in one place.

The hub will be updated as new resources become available.
<https://foundationyears.org.uk/2020/09/covid-19-resources-hub/>

Essex family Forum Parent Survey - Following the Local Area, OFSTED/CQC SEND Inspection which took place between 30th September and 4th October 2019 the local area was required to produce a Written Statement of Action to address areas identified by Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission.

Essex Family Forum, the appointed Parent Carer Forum for Essex, has a responsibility under the Written Statement of Action to demonstrate parent/carer satisfaction in access, quality and consistency of services and provision provided across Essex. It is important that ALL families within Essex are given the opportunity to participate, so please can you share the attached flyer and survey link with your families <https://essexfamilyforum.org/parent-surveys-and-feedback/>

Best wishes

Sandie

Please visit our website for the most up to date information from [Essex Early Years Website](#)

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