

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

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Dear All

I hope you have all been able to have a restful weekend.

The following topics are covered in this email:

- Updated guidance from the DFE regarding wrap around childcare, clubs and activities
- Reminder on the requirements for First Aid training
- Parent Survey
- EYFS safeguarding survey

Updated guidance from the DFE regarding clubs and activities - the [Education and childcare settings: national restrictions from 5 November 2020](#) guidance has been updated to clarify the position regarding wraparound childcare, clubs and activities, which has not changed. It remains that settings can continue to offer out of school childcare and schools and colleges can continue to offer clubs/activities in order to enable parents to work, seek work, attend education or training, or respite care (for vulnerable children). All clubs and activities not for these purposes should be suspended during the period of national restriction.

Reminder on the requirements for First Aid training – some of you have contacted us to express your concern that there are training providers offering first aid training only virtually, such as via Zoom. Please remember that the practical elements of the PFA course should be delivered face to face so competency can be properly assessed. The statutory requirements can be viewed in the following link <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-foundation-stage-framework--2/early-years-foundation-stage-coronavirus-disapplications>

Parents survey – as I previously updated you, we have launched a Childcare in Essex – Parents' Views survey to seek the views of parents on the childcare they need to access and gain some insight into any possible changes to these needs as a result of Covid-19. We are almost at the closing date of 24 November 2020, and it would be really helpful if you could promote this once more to your parents. The link to the survey is <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/childcare2020/>

EYFS safeguarding survey We would like to gather some intelligence and your feedback on safeguarding so that we can support you further with your statutory role. Please complete our safeguarding survey by clicking on the following link [survey](#). The survey closes on 31 December 2020.

Best wishes.

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