**Updated FAQs 13 December 2020**

As a childminder my own child is at home self-isolating, can I continue to childmind?

### The [Actions for Early Years and Childcare Providers](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fpublications%2Fcoronavirus-covid-19-early-years-and-childcare-closures%2Fcoronavirus-covid-19-early-years-and-childcare-closures%23childminders&data=04%7C01%7C%7Cd47c6631f3d2474a032408d89b7d4a76%7Ca8b4324f155c4215a0f17ed8cc9a992f%7C0%7C0%7C637430310279911910%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=xjWth8G7nA5CmRMexSnxpKkE848xMHDPACjXgHf6VFg%3D&reserved=0) guidance gives clear guidance for childminders with a household member self-isolating due to contact with a confirmed case of COVID19. This is copied below for information: -

This advice applies where a childminder usually looks after children in their own home, and where a childminder’s household member is self-isolating.

If this is:

* only as a result of coming into contact with a positive case
* the household member is not showing symptoms of coronavirus
* the household member does not require a test

The childminder can continue to provide childcare at their registered setting. The childminder should ensure they keep open communication with parents and carers of children attending the setting about the self-isolation.

The household member who is self-isolating must not have any contact with the children being cared for in the setting. For example, the person isolating must use a separate bathroom where possible. If the person self-isolating has to use a shared bathroom or other communal areas, these must be thoroughly cleaned after every use.

The childminder must:

* comply with health and safety law, which requires a risk assessment. The risk assessment must demonstrate that the provision of childcare in their setting is safe and aligns with the [system of controls](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fpublications%2Fcoronavirus-covid-19-early-years-and-childcare-closures%2Fcoronavirus-covid-19-early-years-and-childcare-closures%23system-of-controls-protective-measures&data=04%7C01%7C%7Cd47c6631f3d2474a032408d89b7d4a76%7Ca8b4324f155c4215a0f17ed8cc9a992f%7C0%7C0%7C637430310279921906%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=gnSSIffG9%2BsO%2F3NHJ8YApOAWayj7Xb%2FFFZYwun6%2FUjA%3D&reserved=0). further guidance can be found on [cleaning in non-healthcare settings outside the home](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fpublications%2Fcovid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings%2Fcovid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings&data=04%7C01%7C%7Cd47c6631f3d2474a032408d89b7d4a76%7Ca8b4324f155c4215a0f17ed8cc9a992f%7C0%7C0%7C637430310279921906%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=DD8agOGgvB1aqeFSNMO%2B%2BivXwkZpZ5HMjQwcBAFewjA%3D&reserved=0)
* put in place proportionate control measures - for more information on what is required of employers in relation to health and safety risk assessments, please see [annex A of the guidance for schools](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fpublications%2Factions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak%2Fguidance-for-full-opening-schools%23A&data=04%7C01%7C%7Cd47c6631f3d2474a032408d89b7d4a76%7Ca8b4324f155c4215a0f17ed8cc9a992f%7C0%7C0%7C637430310279931902%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=tUmcMuztNbK0Jb5mb2hZHzSQZY7mV5AAq1R4dyaw8Oo%3D&reserved=0)

The childminder should:

* thoroughly review their health and safety risk assessment
* have active arrangements in place to monitor that the controls are effective, working as planned, and updated appropriately (for example when any issues are identified, or when there are changes in public health advice)

Further guidance on risk assessments and keeping children and staff safe can be found in the section on [infection prevention and system of controls](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fpublications%2Fcoronavirus-covid-19-early-years-and-childcare-closures%2Fcoronavirus-covid-19-early-years-and-childcare-closures%23infection-prevention-and-response-system-of-controls&data=04%7C01%7C%7Cd47c6631f3d2474a032408d89b7d4a76%7Ca8b4324f155c4215a0f17ed8cc9a992f%7C0%7C0%7C637430310279931902%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=5cEIfOnWCIE2wSipJOeP2%2F2JPGVHqCmBXvWDCXltSJ8%3D&reserved=0)

Please also see the flowchart for providers attached to this email