

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

From: Free Entitlement Funding Queries

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Subject: Urgent - Please Read - Covid-19 Update 8 January 2021 FEEE funding

Dear All

I know that you all urgently need clarification on how the FEEE funding is going to be administered for this term, especially as we are only just over a week away from the Headcount claim opening on the funding portal. We have still not received any response from the DfE on this point, but I want to assure you that we are continuing to do everything we can to get this resolved as a priority.

Both Cllr Gooding, ECC Portfolio Lead Member for Education and Clare Kershaw, ECC Director for Education are fully aware of the impact this is having on the early years sector and the urgency to get some answers and have been taking this issue up with the MP Vicky Ford and the DfE. We are also in conversation with other local authorities on this too. I hope to be able to provide clarification early next week.

In the meantime in case you haven't already seen, I have also included the latest guidance that has been issued for the early years sector this week below

[**Actions for early years and childcare providers during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak**](#) which has been updated with additional guidance for early years education and childcare settings since 5 January 2021.

[**guidance for providers of holiday or after-school clubs and other out of school settings**](#)

to include information on who should attend out-of-school settings during the national lockdown, staff to child ratios and information on clinically extremely vulnerable staff.

[**guidance for parents and carers of children attending out-of-school settings**](#) to include information on who should attend after-school clubs and out-of-school settings in line with new national lockdown restrictions

[**statement to the House of Commons**](#) by the Secretary of State for Education, Gavin Williamson.

Best wishes.

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