

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 28 January 2021 - Survey re Covid Home Testing Kits and Vaccinations ** Survey response required **

Importance: High

Dear All

As I have shared with you all previously, ECC are currently working on plans to issue the early years sector with Covid home testing kits. These home testing kits are only provided directly by the DFE and Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) programme. ECC have submitted a bid to the DHSC via our ECC Public Health team to allow us to do this. We are hoping to get the outcome of this bid in the next few days. In the meantime, to prepare a county wide distribution plan we need to gather in accurate data on the numbers of early years practitioners in each PVI childcare setting, including childminders.

ECC are also working on plans to be able to prioritise the early years sector to receive a Covid vaccination, and need to gather in the number of early years practitioners who wish to access a vaccination.

To support us with this, could you please provide the information requested in this survey on anticipated numbers by 9am Monday 1 February 2021.

We are not gathering any personal data in this survey

The survey is open from now until 9am on Monday 1 February 2021 and can be found at - <https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/workforce-development-1/156556b5>

I am sorry this is another survey we are asking you all to complete, but this is the quickest way for us to gather accurate information in.

Please note, we are gathering this information in advance of final approval for either issuing the Covid home testing kits or access to the Covid vaccination and **at this stage we cannot guarantee that we will be able to proceed with either option**

We will update on the proposals to provide Covid Home testing kits and Covid vaccinations as soon as we get an outcome

I would also like to draw your attention to the **deadline of the 29th January** for applications to the third round of the below scheme.

Self-Employment Income Support Scheme (SEISS)

- The scheme has been extended. If you were not eligible for the [first and second grant](#) based on the information in your Self Assessment tax returns, you will not be eligible for the third.

- HMRC expects you to make an honest assessment about whether you reasonably believe your business will have a significant reduction in profits.
 - To make a claim for the third grant your business must have had a new or continuing impact from coronavirus between 1 November 2020 and 29 January 2021, which you reasonably believe will have a significant reduction in your profits.
 - The third taxable grant is worth 80% of your average monthly trading profits, paid out in a single instalment covering 3 months' worth of profits, and capped at £7,500 in total.
 - **The online service to claim the third grant is open. Make your claim from the date we give you either by email, letter or within the service. If you're eligible, you must make your claim for the third grant on or before 29 January 2021.**
 - The grant does not need to be repaid if you're eligible, but will be subject to Income Tax and self-employed National Insurance and must be reported on your 2020 to 2021 Self Assessment tax return.
 - You must [keep evidence](#) to support your claim.
- Full criteria and further information available;**
- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/claim-a-grant-through-the-coronavirus-covid-19-self-employment-income-support-scheme>

Best wishes.

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