

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

Hi All

Apologies for the second update this week, but wanted to inform providers of information which has been released.

Lateral Flow Testing

Attached is the information in 2 emails about the delivery of home testing kits that has been circulated by the Department for Education to all early years private, voluntary and independent (PVI) providers.

With schools opening back up for all children to attend school from this week, guidance has been issued regarding who is able to access the LFT kits <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

ECC will continue to work towards making home testing kits accessible for Childminders but in the meantime, Childminders are able to access home tests if they have school age children through the lateral flow testing for households.

Safeguarding

A reminder that the next termly safeguarding forum from the ECC Education Safeguarding Team is on 24 March 2021. There are two sessions:

- 9:30 - 11am for the day session
- 6 - 7:30pm for the evening session.

After the success of the first safeguarding forum in October 2020 with over 160 attendees, the ECC Education Safeguarding Team intend to hold a face to face forum each term and then an online session in the evening for anyone unable to attend during the day. Both the day and evening sessions will be online this term.

These forums are for Designated Safeguarding Leads and we are offering one place per setting at each session.

Please complete the [booking form](#) to apply for a place. View the [spring 2021 Safeguarding Briefing](#) for more safeguarding updates.

Children's Well-being

CAHMS have produced a range of posters and ideas to support with Children's well-being, attached.

Best wishes.

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