

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

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**Subject:** Please Read - Covid-19 Update 27 June 2021

Dear All

Please find information on the following in this email

- Covid PPE / Cleaning Cost Grant
- Reminder for this week's Business Management Consultants 1/2 Termly Update Session with a Sustainability focus
- EYFS Safeguarding Briefing from Jo Barclay
- EYFS New Online Service
- The Balanced System – request for views and comments

**COVID PPE/Cleaning Costs Grant** – you should already have received an email on this (and a good number of you have already responded) but please see the detail below

Essex Early Years has secured a one off grant to support Early Years Providers with the additional costs incurred as a result of COVID. The grant is to be used to help cover the costs of PPE and additional cleaning costs **per setting** who remain open and providing childcare during the summer term and/or summer holidays 2021.

An email was sent out to providers on 24<sup>th</sup> June, if you have not received an email please submit your request using the relevant link below.

To apply for the grant you may need to provide us with your bank details for the payment to be processed. For providers who have a current FEEE contract bank details will not be required. The information submitted will be used to make the one off grant payment and will be retained by ECC for auditing purposes in line with financial regulations.

Early Years and Childcare providers are required to submit their request for the grant by close of play Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021. The grant will be paid by the beginning of September 2021.

Childminder and Outs of School Providers, please click on the following link to submit your request [COVID PPE/Cleaning Costs Grant - Childminders & OOS Providers](#)

Day Nurseries and Preschools, please click on the following link to submit your request [COVID PPE/Cleaning Costs Grant - Day Nurseries & Preschools](#)

**Reminder for this week's Business Management Consultants 1/2 TERMLY UPDATE SESSION - Sustainability focus** – please see the details below

Tuesday 29 June 2021 - 10:30am - 12:00  
Microsoft Teams meeting

**Join on your computer or mobile app**

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**EYFS Safeguarding Briefing from Jo Barclay** – please see attached briefing from Jo

**EYFS New Online Service** - the Department for Education has launched a new online service to support private, voluntary and independent early years settings and childminders to effectively implement the revised EYFS that becomes statutory from September 2021. The new service is now live on gov.uk and can be accessed here – [Prepare for changes to the foundation stage framework - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) Please see attached a communications information pack that includes background information about the new service, a social media asset and suggested example text to support you in publicising the online service with childminders and staff in PVI settings

**The Balanced System request for views and comments** - this information has previously been shared but as we really need to hear your views and comments I have included again and highlighted the section on how you can contribute your views as we would really appreciate any input from you on this very important area of work

Essex County Council, Southend Borough Council and the NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups across Essex and Southend have commissioned an ambitious project for children's therapies including speech and language therapy, occupational therapy and physiotherapy.

Key outcomes of this work will be a common framework for the delivery of all children's therapy services, removing the barriers to access and the post code lottery that currently exists across Essex.

Better Communication CIC, is supporting this work and the framework that underpins the work is **The Balanced System**<sup>®</sup>. This work aims to create a single system wide delivery plan for children's therapies across Essex and Southend.

#### **How can you contribute your views and suggestions?**

The Essex Therapies project web page is now live and contains all the information, surveys and webinar dates for the project – the page contains information for parents, early years settings, schools and professionals. The link below has also been included in the EYFS Newsletter but I have included it in this email for your convenience. The site will be running for the duration of the project and will be central point for all engagement and information sharing. It is imperative as key recipients of these services that we hear from you and that your views are included to ensure the success of this important project, for our children and young people.

In the link below you will find dates for the engagement sessions that are running until early July, if you are unable to attend one of these sessions, **please complete the survey to let us know your thoughts on the way the that services are currently delivered.**

The web page can be accessed here: -

[www.thebalancedsystem.org/commissioners/essex-project/essex-settings/](http://www.thebalancedsystem.org/commissioners/essex-project/essex-settings/)

Best wishes.

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