

Children and Families, Early Years Division Weekly News Bulletin: supplementary 11.08.21



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Reminder of updates for Early years and childcare:

- [Ofsted education inspection framework \(EIF\) inspections and the early years foundation stage \(EYFS\)](#) - What schools and registered early years providers need to know about delivering the current and revised EYFS.
- [Consented addresses for childminders and domestic childcare](#) - Updated consented addresses for childminders and domestic childcare as at 30 June 2021.
- [Reported coronavirus \(COVID-19\) notifications by registered early years and childcare settings](#) - Added data for weeks beginning 14, 21 and 28 June and 5 July.
- [Joiners and leavers in the childcare sector](#) - Published data on joiners and leavers in the childcare sector in June 2021.
- [Childminder agencies: registration and suitability](#) - Added 'Known to Ofsted' form for agencies to use to contact Ofsted for information when considering an application for registration from a childminder

Early Years Updates - Vaccine Resources and Additional Q&A

1. Covid-19 Vaccine Resources

We previously discussed sharing some resources with you to help promote vaccine uptake within early years settings. Public Health England have a library of resources online which includes posters, social media assets, video content and much more. All of the resources are free to download and can be accessed through the following link: [Resources - Coronavirus Resource centre \(phe.gov.uk\)](https://www.phe.gov.uk/resources-coronavirus-resource-centre).

2. Additional Q&A

We have attached an additional early years Q&A document which we hope will answer any outstanding questions following the move to step 4.



Early Years Additional QA August 2021.pdf

As previously mentioned there is a separate Q&A document on contact tracing which can be found on the document sharing platform for early years: [Contact Tracing From Step 4 Onwards](#).



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Reported coronavirus (COVID-19) notifications by registered early years and childcare settings

This data is published fortnightly. It gives the number of registered early years and childcare providers reporting one or more confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) by week.

Added data for weeks beginning 12 and 19 July.

Department for Education COVID-19 helpline

The Department for Education COVID-19 helpline and the PHE Advice Service (option 1) is available to answer any questions you have about COVID-19 relating to education settings and children's social care.

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Opening hours:

Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm

Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 6pm

Department for Education Guidance

Our guidance to support education providers, local authorities and parents during the COVID-19 pandemic can be accessed using the links below:

- [Guidance for early years and childcare providers](#)
- [Guidance for schools](#)
- [Guidance for further and higher education providers](#)
- [Guidance for local authority children's services](#)
- [Guidance for special schools and other specialist settings](#)

Amendments made to Development Matters

A number of small amendments were made to the revised [Development Matters](#) on 29 July. Please note that these are minor changes and if you have already printed the version that was uploaded on 23 July, there is no need to re-print the document.

The changes made on 29 July include:

- A typo correction on page 19
- Formatting incorrect line breaks on pages 26, 33, 41 and 78
- Removal of duplicated text on page 54.

Download the [development matters here](#)

Parents and carers



Summer holidays are now in full swing and it's likely that children will be spending more of their free time online - which can make some parents feel uneasy.

As family-facing professionals you may find parents turning to you for advice and guidance on their children's online life. We've got you covered with our parent hub and parent guides to share with them.

The parent hub provides tips and information about parenting in the digital world, as well as fun free activity ideas that families can do at home.

The parent guides cover the ins and outs of popular games, apps and streaming services, as well as issues that might crop up when children go online.

[Parent Zone – Parents' area](#)

Early Years inspiration



Some of us already know about Jan White, an expert in early years, particularly in learning outdoors. She has been instrumental in forging the way for many a mud kitchen in the UK and regularly works in partnership with Muddy Faces. Jan has her own website, Early Childhood Outdoors, so if you are interested in reading some inspirational articles and blogs and gaining some expert knowledge from practitioners who value outdoors then use the link below to find a host of blogs, articles and more, on the Jan White's website. You can easily sign up to receive regular emails – well worth it I promise.

[Home Page - Early Childhood Outdoors](#)

A recent article on this website is from a setting in Ireland that already fully embraces outdoor learning that went about creating further outdoor opportunities because of the pandemic. These have included sleeping and mealtimes outdoors! The photos are a joy to look at.....

[Outdoor Learning in Carraig Briste & Killegney Early Years - Early Childhood Outdoors](#)

I hope this sparks some thoughts and action for your own setting and how you will embrace nature and the outdoors.

Sharon Rose
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SEND and Inclusion



Government clarifies which children can get Covid vaccine in updated Green Book

The [government has updated its Green Book guidance](#) with more detailed information about which children aged 12-15 are eligible for a Covid vaccine. We are still seeking clarification from NHS England about exactly which autistic children and young people will qualify under the 'severe neurodisability' umbrella. Keep an eye on our [FAQs page about vaccines for children](#) for any updates on this.

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Wondering what benefits you can claim to help support your disabled child?

Between DLA, PIP, Universal Credit, tax credits and Carer's Allowance, we wouldn't blame you for feeling overwhelmed. [Use the Turn2us Benefits Calculator](#) to find out what you're eligible for.



Are you aware of the free Autism Education Trust Early Years Autism Standards Framework?

The Framework enables settings to evaluate their own practice across four themes; the unique child, positive relationships, learning and development and enabling environments. There are lots of resources in the Framework document to help you develop your practice.

Download the framework and find our more information:

[AET early years autism standards - Autism Education Trust](#)

In the news



The British public will be able to help in the fight against malicious cyber criminals thanks to a new [scam website reporting service](#).

The National Cyber Security Centre's new website reporting tool allows people to send them a link from websites which they think are trying to scam the public, regardless of how they got to the site.

The NCSC – which is a part of GCHQ – then analyses the site, and if found to be malicious a notice may be issued to the hosting provider for the site to be removed, preventing members of the public falling victim in future.

[Public can now report scam websites direct to the NCSC - NCSC.GOV.UK](#)

