

Dear Early Years and Childcare Providers

Please see below this week's Government updates for you, your staff and families. There is also a message from the Children and Families Information Service (CFIS) regarding the Kent County Council (KCC) Online Directory.

## **Updates for the Sector**

[Children and young people with SEND disproportionately affected by pandemic](#) 16 June 2021

First Published: A new report by Ofsted has found there are long-standing problems in the system of care for children and young people with SEND have been made even worse by the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): right to work checks](#) 18 June 2021

Advice for employers carrying out right to work checks during the coronavirus pandemic, which was updated as the end date for the temporary adjusted checking processes is now 31 August 2021.

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) local restrictions in education and childcare settings](#) 18 June 2021

This guidance has been updated to reference enhanced response areas and information on the principles of managing local outbreaks including the types of measures that settings should be prepared for, who can recommend the measures, when measures should be lifted and how decisions are made. There is guidance for early years providers and out of school if this came into effect.

[Claim for wages through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme 17 June 2021](#)

Updated information about changes from 1 July 2021 has been added and claims for furlough days in June 2021 must be made by 14 July.

## **Updates for Families**

[Guidance for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection who do not live with the person](#) 23 June 2021

This has been updated to an easy read version.

[\(COVID-19\) Coronavirus restrictions: what you can and cannot do](#) 23 June 2021

Updated with an international travel section.

## **Message From the Children and Families Information Service (CFIS) - KCC Online Directory**

Providers who advertise their services through the KCC Online Directory should be aware that they will receive an email every three months reminding them to update their records. This email will come from the Local Directory Team at KCC, the first one arriving on 1 July 2021. Those who choose for their details not to be made

public on the directory are also likely to receive this reminder on 1 July; however CFIS will be taking steps to try to ensure they do not receive further mailings.