

Dear early years and childcare providers

Please find below Government updates for you, your staff and your families.

Updates for the Sector

[Actions for early years and childcare providers during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak](#) 15 March 2021

Change made: Updated to reflect that from the 29 March parent and child groups will be able to take place outdoors with a limit of 15 attendees (children under 5 years do not count towards the attendee limit). Indoor parent and child groups will not resume until 12 April at the earliest). The 'Systems of Controls' has been updated with specific guidance around what to do in the event of a COVID-19 positive result through the Lateral Flow Device (LFD) which was taken at home.

[Households and bubbles of pupils, students and staff of schools, nurseries and colleges: get rapid lateral flow tests](#) 16 March 2021

Updated: Removed "Do not order online if you can get a test through other methods. This frees up home delivery for those who need it most." Replaced with "You can order 1 pack of home test kits containing 7 tests for home delivery. Your tests should arrive within 2 days."

Updates for Families

[Information for parents and carers: coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) 16 March 2021

Information and guidance for parents and carers of children attending early years settings, schools and colleges during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

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