Dear Early Years and Childcare Providers

Please see below this week’s Government updates for you, your staff and families.

Please also see below information from the Department for Education on Covid-19 test kit delivery and also a message in relation to updates to the Kent.gov Online Childcare Directory Service.

**Government Updates**

[Protective measures for holiday or after-school clubs and other out-of-school settings for children during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/protective-measures-for-holiday-or-after-school-clubs-and-other-out-of-school-settings-for-children-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=a97a98dc-7a4c-4fa5-9069-1b8fede66a46&utm_content=daily) 27 August 2021

Change made:
Updated information on CO2 monitors in the ‘Control measures: Keep occupied spaces well ventilated’ section.

The update relates to:

CO2 monitors will also be provided to all state-funded education settings from September, so staff can quickly identify where ventilation needs to be improved. Further information will be issued as monitors are rolled out.

The government has also launched a trial of air purifiers in 30 schools in Bradford, which is designed to assess the technology in education settings and whether they could reduce the risk of transmission.

[Coronavirus (COVID-19): right to work checks](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-right-to-work-checks?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=a161cc11-41f5-47f4-956c-81acdb331d0e&utm_content=daily) 26 August 2021

Guidance updated to reflect extended end date of 5 April 2022.

**COVID-19 test kit delivery schedules for schools and colleges**

The delivery schedules for deliveries of COVID-19 test kits for the week commencing Monday 30 August are now available on the document sharing platforms. Please check the published delivery schedule and wait for 48 hours after a scheduled delivery date before contacting NHS Test and Trace on 119.

The delivery schedules can be viewed on the:

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| * [secondary schools and colleges document sharing platform](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1jYv0MjFyIIbzgPn_1S10OuRgfrj_b5_P)
* [primary schools and nurseries document sharing platform](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1X4fLxy6_ppmpmKrv3hT2M6cduAN_GS54)
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**Kent.gov Online Childcare Directory Updates**

Those of you with records on the Kent.gov Childcare Directory received on 1 September a reminder to update your records.  These reminders will be automatically generated every three months on the first of the month.  Please be advised that due to the volume of requests to update details and to change permissions,  this work will take place over the coming few weeks.  Please do not contact Kent Children and Families Information Service or the senders of the reminder email (localdirectory@kent.gov.uk) if you do not see an immediate change to your details or permission levels.