Dear Early Years and Childcare Providers

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

**Updates for the Sector**

[Actions for early years and childcare providers during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-early-years-and-childcare-closures?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=4bf840f6-9f33-4797-a14c-1990db936e39&utm_content=immediately) 27 September 2021

Change made: This guidance has been updated to reflect the September Review and ensure it is consistent with the changes to advice relating to those previously considered to be clinically extremely vulnerable, remove out-of-date information relating to the 2020 to 2021 academic year, and update guidance on educational visits.

**Main changes to previous guidance**

On 27 September 2021, we updated the guidance as follows:

* removed retrospective content about summer 2021
* updated ‘workforce’ section
* set out the latest policy on asymptomatic testing
* reflected changes to advice around individuals previously considered clinically extremely vulnerable
* reflected that disapplications to the EYFS ended on 31 August
* added guidance on educational visits.

[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=239b2a32-148c-463f-97ff-b6b98ac2e7c3&utm_content=daily) 27 September 2021

Change made: Updated information about vaccinations for 12 to 17 year olds, asymptomatic testing, under-18s that were previously considered clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) and the end of the shielding programme.

**Updates for Families**

[Guidance for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection who do not live with the person](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=310e9f5c-4949-4a6a-aa2f-d4270d1a9eef&utm_content=daily) 24 September 2021

Change made: Updated easy-read version.

[COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=a0113e60-514d-4a4a-abb5-81fd52d2e5c0&utm_content=daily) 24 September 2021

Change made: Updated easy-read version.

[Exemptions from managed quarantine for medical and compassionate reasons](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/exemptions-from-managed-quarantine-for-medical-and-compassionate-reasons?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=e59d2c2d-e748-4d9e-a11e-ae141f153dcf&utm_content=daily) 24 September 2021

Change made: Added content on the quarantine and testing requirements for people with a medical or compassionate exemption who are quarantining at home after being in a red list country, including the rules for their household.

[Guidance for parents and carers of children attending out-of-school settings during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=104e817a-4d6a-488f-8fd1-26e0c524cb6a&utm_content=daily) 27 September 2021

Change made: Updated information about vaccinations for 12 to 17 year olds, asymptomatic testing, under-18s that were previously considered clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) and the end of the shielding programme.

[What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during COVID-19](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=c9344d00-71be-4509-92da-fd3f044fc47f&utm_content=daily) 27 September 2021

Change made: Added information on universal vaccinations for 12 to 15 year olds, updated sections on self-isolation, education recovery and guidance for critically extremely vulnerable children and young people to reflect that no under-18s are now considered to be clinically extremely vulnerable and all have been removed from the shielding patient list. Clarified the circumstances in which schools may be advised to reintroduce ‘bubbles’.