

25th March 2020 Update: COVID 19

Updated information: On March 25th 2020 Ofsted issued further guidance for early years and childcare providers: Coronavirus (COVID-19): early years and childcare closures

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ofsted-coronavirus-covid-19-rolling-update>

This guidance will answer many of your questions, however if you require further information or have unanswered questions please continue to email as follows:

ALL Corona Virus enquiries: EYCovid19@warwickshire.gov.uk

Non-corona virus enquiries related to early years funding or early years sufficiency and business support
eyfunding@warwickshire.gov.uk and earlyyears@warwickshire.gov.uk

EYFS compliance, quality and safeguarding queries: earlyyearsadvisors@warwickshire.gov.uk

Please check the previous FAQs prior to sending in your questions as this will help with the volume of emails that we are currently receiving and allow the teams to prioritise their responses.

Early Years Frequently Asked Questions 25th March 2020

Do I need to let Ofsted know that I am closing due to Coronavirus?

Ofsted have confirmed that settings and childminders do not need to notify Ofsted if they are closing due to Coronavirus – see guidance document link above

I am a childminder, do I need to put my own children on the data collection form?

No, please just put the keyworker/vulnerable children on the form

We have combined with the school provision; school are completing the data form – should we submit data for our own setting children separately?

Yes, please submit your own setting data separately so that children are not counted twice.

Do I need to complete the data form every day even though I have told you I am closed?

Please continue to complete the form every day until further notice

Are you able to write me a letter that asks me to close so that I can claim from my insurance company and protect the future of my setting?

We are unable to answer this at the moment as we are still waiting for advice from the Council's legal team

Will the local authority provide settings with permits for staff to show to the police if they are challenged when travelling to and from work?

At this stage we are advising settings to ensure staff have I.D. badges, a payslip or a permit on the setting's own headed note paper with them when they are travelling for work purposes