



## An update for parents and carers of children attending an early years setting May 2021

Early years settings remain open for all children and they can attend for their usual hours of care. We thought it would be helpful for parents to understand how the roadmap out of lockdown affects their child's attendance at an Early Years setting.

As we are all aware, the government have pledged to gradually ease restrictions over the coming months. The roadmap, which has been published on [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) outlines four steps for easing restrictions. Before proceeding to the next step, the Government will examine the data to assess the impact of previous steps.

### **Although Early Years settings have remained open to all children, there are still guidelines that must be followed until the easing of the restrictions as defined by Government allows.**

1. To continue to manage the risks, nurseries, childminders, schools and colleges will carry on implementing the range of protective measures that they have been using throughout previous terms.
2. If restrictions are again needed to help contain the spread of the virus, there may be some changes to how your provider operates, including isolating groups or bubbles of children if there's a positive case.
3. Nurseries, childminders, schools and colleges have their own health and safety risk assessments and keep them under review. They will continue to carefully implement these measures and tell you about them.
4. Nurseries, childminders, and schools may still need to stagger or adjust start and finish times. This helps keep groups apart as they arrive and leave the premises. Please help nurseries, childminders, and schools manage these arrangements, for example by keeping your distance from others when dropping off and picking up your child.
5. There is [separate guidance](#) for parents and carers of children attending out-of-school settings during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. You should try to send your child to the same settings consistently and limit the number of settings they attend as far as possible, and ideally ensure they attend only one out-of-school setting in addition to school.
6. Government guidance -what parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during COVID-19 has been published and is available [here](#).
7. It important to remember that whilst we enjoy doing more of the things we've missed, it's vital to continue our efforts to protect each other from Covid-19 and keep rates as low as possible.

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**for doing your bit**

- Follow the guidance from your provider when dropping off and picking up, as well as the wearing of face coverings if requested.
- Encourage your family to wash their hands regularly and thoroughly,
- Keep a safe (2m) distance from others and wear a face covering when required.
- Get anyone in your family with symptoms tested and the whole household self-isolating immediately.
- Take rapid, twice weekly tests and a PCR test if you have symptoms.
- Follow the new guidance on [meeting friends and family](#) safely.