

Royal Greenwich – a great place to grow up!



Childcare
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Dear Providers

We have had an important update from the Prime Minister about the winter and Christmas plans in relation to Covid 19. Early years and childcare providers are expected to continue as usual within the updated tier system. Please watch the Covid 19 update briefing on YouTube with regard to expectations that your staff and parents take every precaution now. Please do remind everyone to be balanced about Christmas plans because of the potential impact on settings in the Spring term.

We are launching the new Synergy system for funding claims and January census so look out for training dates coming very soon. Gillian Bennett from Public Health is also running an update briefing about food hunger in school holidays, Vitamin and Covid 19, Healthy Start vouchers – this briefing will support your families during this difficult period especially as we move towards the Christmas holidays.

We wish you good health,

Kallie – Team Leader, Kerry, Elaine, & Rebecca – Advisors, Danielle & Janet – Funding



Main telephone lines are not fully available but if you provide a phone number we will call you right back and speak to you in person – we are open 9am – 5pm Mon - Fri.

Parents FIS@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

Providers Childcare-support@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

Miss a copy of the e-bulletin?

Catch up here and check out links to important information sources

https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/info/200283/nurseries_and_early_learning/2183/early_years_team_information_for_providers/2



➔ Early years and childcare information for professionals

➔ Key information and resource links for early years and childcare providers

Key information and resource links for early years and childcare providers

Monthly newsletter

The latest updates and information for early years professional working in Royal Greenwich.

Early years professional newsletter ➔

NEW PROVIDER PORTAL COMING IN DECEMBER 2020

Getting ready for funding claims and Early Years census

Headcount & Census Date : Thursday 21 January 2021



Free Early Learning for Two Year Olds

[Click here to find out if your child qualifies for a free early learning place](#)

30 Hours Free Entitlement

[Confirm if your 30 Hours Free Entitlement Code is valid](#)

Provider Portal

[Click here to access the Royal Greenwich Childcare Provider Portal](#)

Many of you will remember that the EY Hub which we used back in 2019 was decommissioned by Open objects / IDOX through no choice of the local authority. We were in the process of commissioning a new provider at short notice when Covid 19 disrupted all of our usual business.

Our priority then became to ensure funding claims could be submitted and processed in as a simple and timely way as possible during the last couple of terms. We were reluctant to add pressure by introducing a new system at that point. We are now getting ready to go live with Synergy – especially with the census coming up. This will be a new challenge for many of us – both from your perspective as a user and our end in being administrators while working from home. The priority and commitment for the Early Years & Childcare Service will always be to create simple and timely processes as best we can – so will be offering virtual training and a manual – and be available to talk you through as and when you need help.

We do believe the system we have gone with is simple, accessible and user friendly. It has been used in neighbouring boroughs for some years.

Look out for training dates from Monday 7 December and you will be able to submit your Spring claims immediately after – well in advance of headcount day. As usual all settings who submitted claims in Autumn will receive an advance payment which will be adjusted after submission of your main claim via the new system.



Healthy Early Years London

FREE Healthy Eating Training

10:30 – 12:00

Saturday 5 December

with Gillian Bennett

Early Years Nutritionist, Public Health

- Health Eating
- Healthy Start
- Food hunger in school holidays
- Food recipes on a budget
- Vitamin D and Covid 19

To book, visit

[http://servicestoschools.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/courses/private,-voluntary-and-independent-\(pvi\)-and-childminders](http://servicestoschools.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/courses/private,-voluntary-and-independent-(pvi)-and-childminders)

Key document - Actions for early years and childcare



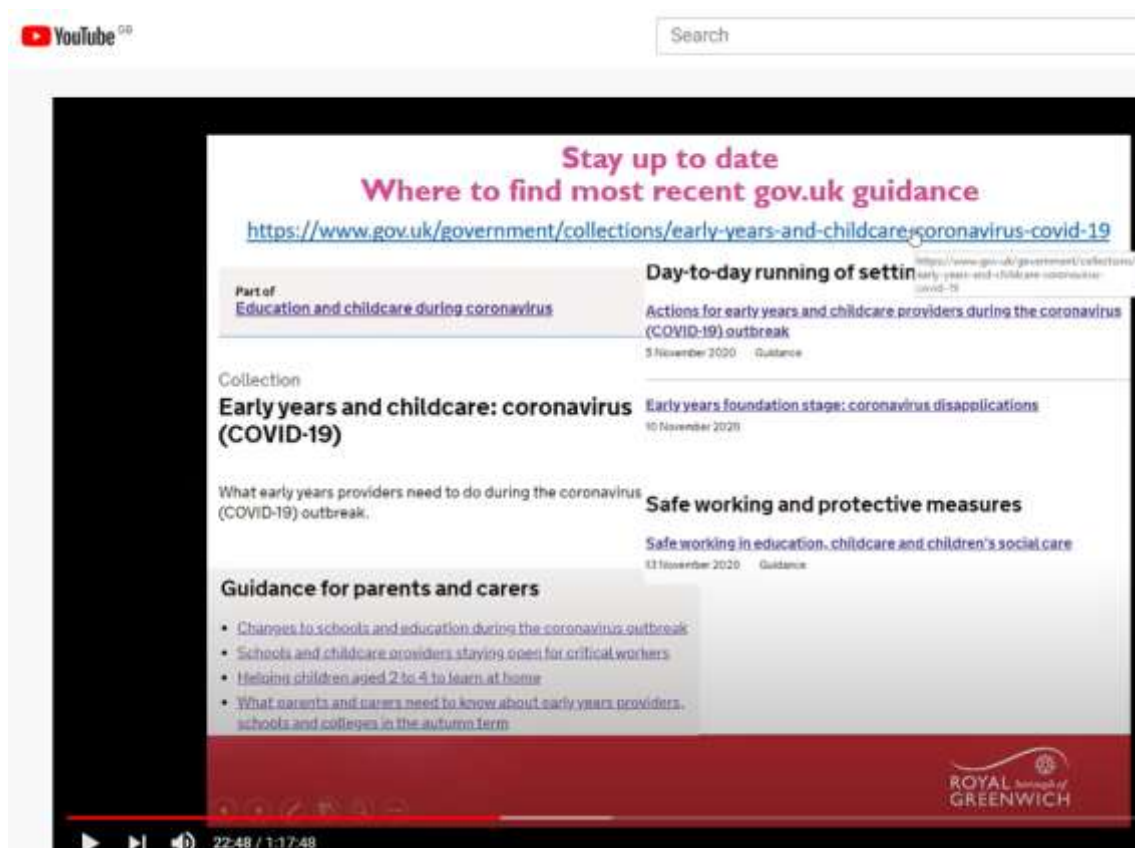
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-early-years-and-childcare-closures/coronavirus-covid-19-early-years-and-childcare-closures>

IMPORTANT LINK – You must watch the update briefing attached for latest advice from the local authority.

COVID 19 Update - Thurs 19 Nov briefing recorded and on YouTube now

Get the most recent update on government guidance, national restrictions, and the local picture. View with your staff teams and childminding assistants. If your questions and you want more clarification about the most recent situation, please contact childcare-support@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

<https://youtu.be/xWTFbKfg9BM>



Statutory guidance

Early years foundation stage: coronavirus disapplications

Updated 10 November 2020

Look out for updates to EYFS disapplications re Paediatric 1st Aid

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-foundation-stage-framework--2/early-years-foundation-stage-coronavirus-disapplications>

September 2020 Updated arrangements were put in place from 26 September 2020 until 31 August 2021 to allow providers to use the specific disapplications and modifications if any local or national government agreed coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions impact their ability to deliver the EYFS. This is described in more detail in paragraph 2.3.

2.2 Transition period to 25 November 2020

NOTE THAT DISAPPLICATIONS APPLY IN VERY LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES AS OF 26 NOVEMBER – See 2.3

You must contact childcare-support@royalgreenwich.gov.uk about your specific circumstances

Between 26 September to 25 November 2020 there is a transition period related to the original disapplications. During this time the disapplications to the safeguarding and welfare requirements (staff qualifications to be counted in ratios and paediatric first aid (PFA) as in section 7) apply to all early years providers. Providers must work to re-instate the safeguarding and welfare requirements in full by 26 November 2020, unless at that point they are using the updated disapplications as shown in paragraph 2.3.

Providers must meet EYFS requirements unless the criteria to use the disapplications apply.

2.3 Local or national restrictions

Restrictions or requirements related to coronavirus (COVID-19), for example, due to a local or national lockdown, may affect a provider's ability to comply with the EYFS. Therefore, we made new arrangements that came into force on 26 September 2020, which allow the disapplications to be used where a provider is prevented from complying with the requirements of the EYFS due to coronavirus (COVID-19) related restrictions or requirements which have been imposed by regulations or a direction. These restrictions must have been implemented either through the Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984 or under the Coronavirus Act 2020.

For the disapplications to apply, both of the following conditions must be met:

- there must be government restrictions and requirements in place
- the provider must have deemed these restrictions to mean they are unable to deliver the EYFS as required

A provider would not be able to use the disapplications simply due to an incidence of coronavirus (COVID-19) in their setting. However, if a number of staff are required to self-isolate (under the Public Health (Control of Disease) act 1984), and if this is significant enough to impact on a provider's ability to deliver the EYFS, the disapplications can be used.

These national restrictions in place until Wed 2 December

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november>

From Thursday 5 November until Wednesday 2 December, the Government is taking the following action:

<https://www.covid19.nhs.uk/>

1. Requiring people to stay at home, except for specific purposes.
2. Preventing gathering with people you do not live with, except for specific purposes.
3. Closing certain businesses and venues.



Get a free NHS test to check if you have coronavirus

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Who can get a free test

You can only get a free NHS test if at least one of the following applies:

- you have a high temperature
- you have a new, continuous cough
- you've lost your sense of smell or taste or it's changed
- you've been asked to by a local council
- you're taking part in a government pilot project

You can also get a test for someone you live with if they have symptoms.

England and Northern Ireland

You need to get the test done in the first 8 days of having symptoms.

On days 1 to 7, you can get tested at a site or at home. If you're ordering a home test kit on day 7, do it by 3pm.

On day 8, you need to go to a test site - it's too late to order a home test kit

Start now >

<https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/condition>

Who cannot get a free test

You cannot get a free NHS test unless you have symptoms, have been asked to by your local council, live in England and have been told to by your hospital, or are taking part in a government pilot project.

This applies even if:

- you live with someone who has coronavirus
- you've had close contact with someone who has coronavirus
- you've come to the UK from a high risk country
- you're planning to leave the country
- your employer or school has asked you to get a test

! People you live with who do not have symptoms are not eligible for this test. Do not order tests for them, unless you've been asked to. Ordering unnecessary tests is wasting NHS resources.



HM Government

NHS

We must keep on protecting each other.

HANDS **FACE** **SPACE**

STAY ALERT ▶ CONTROL THE VIRUS ▶ SAVE LIVES

**Covid 19 Responding
to a Suspected
/Confirmed Case**

Child / staff member develops Covid-19 symptoms:

- High temperature
- New continuous cough
- Loss of or change to sense of smell or taste

Send child / staff member home immediately to isolate for at least **10 days** and notify household members to isolate for 14 days

If child is waiting to be collected, separate from group (room or 2m if no room) and isolate with **one** member of staff

Staff member to wear PPE until child has left and then safely discard PPE

clean all areas affected

all in contact with child/staff to wash hands

(Follow **Cleaning of non-health care settings** guidance)

Child / staff member should arrange to have a test within 8 days <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or call NHS 119

NEGATIVE

Child / staff member can **return** to setting and household members can end 14 day isolation

POSITIVE

Rest of children and staff in **close contact** sent home to isolate for 14 days (whole of childminder household)

POSITIVE

Other household members of those in close contact sent home **do not** need to isolate unless the child / staff member sent home develops symptoms

You must IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY

1. Telephone new PHE / DFE helpline **0800 046 8687** select Option 1 – positive cases only
2. Local Authority Early Years and Childcare and Public Health team via notification form childcare-support@royalgreenwich.gov.uk and healthprotection@royalgreenwich.gov.uk
3. Ofsted enquiries@ofsted.gov.uk

Outbreak - if two or more confirmed cases within 14 days or overall rise in sickness absence where COVID-19 suspected – PHE local health protection to advise on additional actions phe.slhpt@nhs.net; slhpt.oncall@phe.gov.uk



COVID-19 WINTER PLAN

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/937529/COVID-19_Winter_Plan.pdf

Presented to Parliament
by the Prime Minister
by Command of Her Majesty

November 2020

The government's COVID-19 Winter Plan presents a programme for suppressing the virus, protecting the NHS and the vulnerable, keeping education and the economy going and providing a route back to normality. The plan sets out the Government's approach to ending the national restrictions on 2 December and for managing COVID-19 through the winter.



Guidance

Local restriction tiers: what you need to know

Sets out the local restriction tier system that will be in place from Wednesday 2 December, including what you can and cannot do in each tier.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-restriction-tiers-what-you-need-to-know>

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These tiers will be strengthened compared to the previous tiers in order to prevent a return to growing infections. We know that social contact spreads the virus. We need to impose these restrictions and it is right to target the toughest measures only in the areas where the virus is most prevalent or where we are seeing sharper increases in the rate of infection.

The government is committed to ensuring the right levels of intervention in the right places to manage outbreaks, suppress the virus and keep R below 1.

All tiers

Across all tiers, everyone:

- must [wear a face covering](#) in most indoor public settings, unless they have an exemption
- should follow the [rules on meeting others safely](#)
- should attend school or college as normal, unless they are self-isolating. Schools, universities, colleges and early years settings remain open in all tiers
- should walk or cycle where possible, plan ahead and avoid busy times and routes when travelling
- must follow the gathering limits at their tier except for in specific settings and circumstances. These [exemptions are detailed at the end of this guidance](#)

There are 3 tiers for local restrictions:

- [Tier 1: Medium alert](#)
- [Tier 2: High alert](#)
- [Tier 3: Very High alert](#)

Support bubbles have been expanded. From 2 December you can form a support bubble with another household if any of the following apply to you:

- you are the only adult in your household (any other members of the household having been under 18 on 12 June 2020) or are the only adult who does not have a disability that needs continuous care
- you have a child under 1
- you live with a child under 5 with a disability that needs continuous care

Promotional material

Tier posters: Medium, High and Very High

A series of posters displaying information about the various tiers of restrictions in England from 2 December 2020.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/tier-posters-medium-high-and-very-high>

MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY



Maximum of six indoors or outdoors, apart from with members of a single household or support bubble.

EDUCATION



Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Childcare, other supervised activities for children, and childcare bubbles permitted.

MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY



No mixing of households indoors, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six outdoors.

EDUCATION



Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Childcare, other supervised activities for children, and childcare bubbles permitted.

MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY



No mixing of households indoors, or most outdoor places, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six in some outdoor public spaces (e.g. parks, public gardens).

EDUCATION



Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Childcare, other supervised activities for children, and childcare bubbles permitted.

HM Government

NHS

TIER 1

MEDIUM ALERT

FROM 2 DEC

HM Government

NHS

TIER 2

HIGH ALERT

FROM 2 DEC

HM Government

NHS

TIER 3

VERY HIGH ALERT

FROM 2 DEC

Guidance

Making a Christmas bubble with friends and family

Published 24 November 2020

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/making-a-christmas-bubble-with-friends-and-family/making-a-christmas-bubble-with-friends-and-family>

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The government is changing some social contact restrictions for a short period of time. When following these new rules, we must each continue to take personal responsibility to limit the spread of the virus and [protect our loved ones, particularly if they are vulnerable](#). For many, this will mean that it isn't possible to celebrate Christmas in the way you normally would.

Between 23 and 27 December:

- you can form an exclusive 'Christmas bubble' composed of people from no more than three households
- you can only be in one Christmas bubble
- you cannot change your Christmas bubble
- you can travel between tiers and UK nations for the purposes of meeting your Christmas bubble
- you can only meet your Christmas bubble in private homes or in your garden, places of worship, or public outdoor spaces
- you can continue to meet people who are not in your Christmas bubble outside your home according to [the rules in the tier where you are staying](#)
- you cannot meet someone in a private dwelling who is not part of your household or Christmas bubble

A fixed bubble is a sensible and proportionate way to balance the desire to spend time with others over the Christmas period, while limiting the risk of spreading infection. However, the more people you see, the more likely it is that you will catch or spread coronavirus (COVID-19).

You can spread coronavirus to others even if you and the people you meet have no symptoms. You and the other people in your Christmas bubble need to consider these risks carefully before agreeing to form a bubble. You should consider ways to celebrate Christmas in other ways, such as the use of technology and meeting outdoors, without bringing households together or travelling between different parts of the country.

Who's at higher risk from coronavirus

[https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/people-at-higher-risk/whos-at-higher-risk-from-coronavirus/)

[19/people-at-higher-risk/whos-at-higher-risk-from-coronavirus/](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/people-at-higher-risk/whos-at-higher-risk-from-coronavirus/)

If you are clinically extremely vulnerable

You are still able to form a Christmas bubble if you are clinically extremely vulnerable but it does involve greater risks for you. You will minimise your risk of infection if you limit social contact with people that you do not live with. Forming a Christmas bubble is a personal choice and should be balanced against the increased risk of infection. If you do decide to form a Christmas bubble you can take extra precautions set out in [Guidance for the Clinically Extremely Vulnerable](#). Others in your bubble should be mindful of your increased risks and be extra vigilant in the days before you get together.

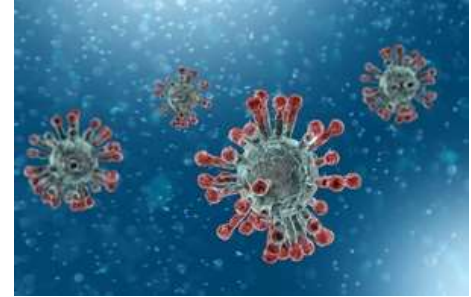
People at high risk (clinically extremely vulnerable)

May be at high risk from coronavirus if you:

- have had an organ transplant
- are having chemotherapy or antibody treatment for cancer, including immunotherapy
- are having an intense course of radiotherapy (radical radiotherapy) for lung cancer
- are having targeted cancer treatments that can affect the immune system (such as protein kinase inhibitors or PARP inhibitors)
- have blood or bone marrow cancer (such as leukaemia, lymphoma or myeloma)
- have had a bone marrow or stem cell transplant in the past 6 months, or are still taking immunosuppressant medicine
- have been told by a doctor you have a severe lung condition (such as cystic fibrosis, severe asthma or severe COPD)
- have a condition that means you have a very high risk of getting infections (such as SCID or sickle cell)
- are taking medicine that makes you much more likely to get infections (such as high doses of steroids or immunosuppressant medicine)
- have a serious heart condition and are pregnant
- are an adult with Down's syndrome
- are an adult who is having dialysis or has severe (stage 5) long-term kidney disease
- have been classed as clinically extremely vulnerable, based on clinical judgement and an assessment of your needs

Press release

More rapid COVID-19 tests to be rolled out across England



600,000 lateral flow tests to be sent out this week to kick-start the significant expansion of testing, followed by weekly local allocations.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/more-rapid-covid-19-tests-to-be-rolled-out-across-england>

Royal Greenwich is one of the 50 local authorities in the lateral flow pilot.

- Next stage of partnership between NHS Test and Trace and local directors of public health will enable increased testing of priority and high-risk groups in local communities on a weekly basis
- Increase in asymptomatic testing will help pick up more cases, stop the spread of the virus and support communities and critical industries

Test kits have been issued to over 50 directors of public health across England this week, to enable local teams to direct and deliver community testing based on their local knowledge. Each will receive a batch of 10,000 antigen lateral flow devices as part of a new pilot to enable them to start testing priority groups.

Directors of public health will determine how to prioritise the allocation of these new tests, based on the specific needs of their communities, and will determine how people in the local area are tested. They will be supported by NHS Test and Trace to expand testing programmes in their area through access to training and clinical and operational guidance.













This initial 600,000 batch will then be followed up with a weekly allocation of lateral flow antigen tests. The Secretary of State for Health and Social Care has now written to all upper-tier local authority leaders, confirming that all directors of public health will be offered this weekly allocation, equivalent to 10% of their population. This will build on the existing partnerships between NHS Test and Trace and local leaders.

Proactively testing asymptomatic individuals will help identify those who unknowingly have the virus and enable those who test positive and their contacts to self-isolate, which can help drive down the R rate locally and save lives. This is crucial to break the chains of transmission of the virus and to support critical industries, key workers and institutions. With lower rates of transmission, those at highest risk from the virus will be more protected and residents will feel more confident in getting back to their day-to-day lives.

Covid vaccine update: When will one be ready?



How some of the Covid-19 vaccines compare

Company	Type	Doses	How effective*	Storage
 Oxford Uni-AstraZeneca	Viral vector (genetically modified virus)	 x2	62-90%	 Regular fridge temperature
 Moderna	RNA (part of virus genetic code)	 x2	95%	 -20C up to 6 months
 Pfizer-BioNTech	RNA	 x2	95%	 -70C
 Gamaleya (Sputnik V)	Viral vector	 x2	92%	 Regular fridge temperature

*preliminary phase three results, not yet peer-reviewed

Guidance

Test and Trace Support Payment scheme: claiming financial support

Who can claim the support and how to apply.

If you have been contacted by NHS Test and Trace and told to self-isolate on or after 28 September 2020, you're under a legal obligation to do so, and could be eligible for a £500 Test and Trace Support Payment.

This guidance sets out who can claim support and explains how to apply.

Guidance

Claiming financial support under the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme

Updated 26 October 2020

If you have symptoms of coronavirus, you should stay at home and self-isolate immediately to stop the spread of the virus and protect family, friends and your community. It's vital that you play your part and follow the rules around self-isolation.

If you're asked to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace and you're on a low income, unable to work from home and will lose income as a result, you may be entitled to a payment of £500 from your local authority under the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme.

The scheme will run until 31 January 2021.

Eligibility

If you have been told to self-isolate on or after 28 September 2020, you're under a legal obligation to do so, and could be eligible for a £500 Test and Trace Support Payment if you live in England and meet all the following criteria:

- you have been told to stay at home and self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace, either because you have tested positive for coronavirus or have recently been in close contact with someone who has tested positive
- you're employed or self-employed
- you're unable to work from home and will lose income as a result of self-isolating
- you're currently receiving at least one of the following:
 - Universal Credit
 - Working Tax Credit
 - income-based Employment and Support Allowance

- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income Support
- Housing Benefit
- Pension Credit

If you do not fulfil the above criteria for the Test and Trace Support Payment, you could be eligible for a £500 discretionary payment if you live in England and meet the following criteria:

- you have been told to stay at home and self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace, either because you have tested positive for coronavirus or have recently been in close contact with someone who has tested positive
- you are employed or self-employed
- you are unable to work from home and will lose income as a result of self-isolating
- you are not currently receiving Universal Credit, Working Tax Credit, income-based Employment and Support Allowance, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income Support, Housing Benefit and/or Pension Credit
- you are on a low income and will face financial hardship as a result of not being able to work while you are self-isolating

If you're eligible for either the Test and Trace Support Payment or discretionary payment, you will receive the £500 payment on top of any benefits and Statutory Sick Pay that you currently receive.

NHS COVID-19 app

If the NHS COVID-19 app notifies you to self-isolate because you have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus, but you have not been contacted by NHS Test and Trace by phone, email, letter or text message, you cannot currently apply for the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme. Further work is needed to determine if it will be possible to qualify for this payment, bearing in mind that app users remain anonymous.

If you test positive for coronavirus, you will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, even if you book your test and receive a positive test result through the app. This means you can apply for the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme if you meet the eligibility criteria above.

Apply for a Test and Trace Support Payment

You might be able to get a single payment of £500 if you need to self-isolate because of coronavirus (COVID-19) and you cannot work from home.



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Test and trace support payments

https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/info/200329/coronavirus/2208/benefits_and_hardship_support/2

Test and Trace support payments

If you receive a positive COVID-19 test result or are told by the NHS to self-isolate because of close contact with someone who has COVID-19, you may be eligible for a £500 payment.

The payment is for people on a low income who must self-isolate for 14 days and cannot work from home during this period.

To be eligible, you must:

- have been asked to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace either because you have tested positive for coronavirus or have recently been in close contact with someone who has
- be employed or self-employed
- be unable to work from home and will lose income as a result
- be currently receiving Universal Credit, Working Tax Credit, income-based Employment and Support Allowance, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income Support, Housing Benefit or Pension Credit

If you are not in receipt of one of the above benefits but meet all of the other criteria, you may be entitled to a discretionary payment.

You must apply within 14 days of the self-isolation period ending.


Individuals who qualify and who meet the criteria will be entitled to a £500 lump sum payable into their bank account. These payments will be subject to income tax but not National Insurance contributions. We will notify HMRC if we have awarded you a payment.

Payments will only be eligible for positive diagnosis from 28 September 2020 onwards until the scheme ends on 31 January 2021. Eligible people will be able to claim for each period of self isolation.

How to apply

To apply, you must provide:

- a notification from NHS Test and Trace asking you to self-isolate (including a unique ID number)
- a bank statement showing the account details where the payment will be made
- proof of employment, or, if you are self-employed, evidence of self-assessment returns, trading income and proof that your business delivers services which cannot be undertaken without social contact.

[Apply for a test and trace support payment](#) 

<https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/xfp/form/560>

You will need the following evidence to hand to complete this application

- Your NHS Test and Trace number. This is your unique account ID number which will be in the text or email you received from the NHS Test and Trace Service.
- The dates that you are required to self-isolate for.
- Evidence which you can upload of being in employment or self-employment.
- A recent copy of your bank statement which you can upload so that we can make a payment into your bank account.

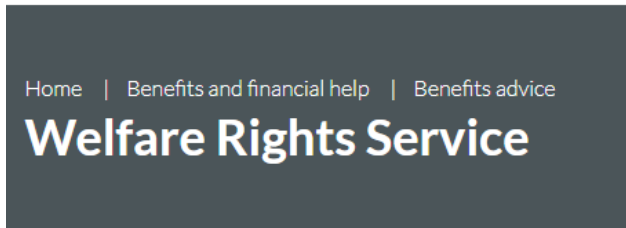
If you think you will qualify for a discretionary payment, please use the same form.

Evidence to support your application

You will need to provide evidence of your employment/self employment as part of your application, and a recent copy of your bank statement so that we can make payment to you if your application is successful. If you are unable to provide these with the application, please explain on the form why that is.

If you are not able to upload the evidence with the application form you can email it to us at isolation-payments@royalgreenwich.gov.uk. You must provide the evidence within 48 hours of your application, otherwise your claim will be refused.

There will be post-payment verification checks to ensure that the information provided is correct. If it is determined that you were not entitled to the payment, you may be asked to repay the payment to the Local Authority.



<https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/xfp/form/530>

https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/info/200246/benefits_advice/420/welfare_rights_service

Advice on benefits, tax credits and grants

The Welfare Rights Service advises Royal Greenwich residents on tax credits and benefits, including Universal Credit.

You can find advice and information on a range of benefits and other forms of financial support on our [benefits pages](#) and in our [benefits factsheets](#). You can also use our [benefit calculator](#) to check your entitlement to support.



<https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/xfp/form/526>

The Greenwich Community Hub has been supporting people since the beginning of the pandemic, and this service is still available to support you during the second lockdown. The Greenwich Community Hub links thousands of volunteers with opportunities to help people who are most in need of support.

If you cannot go out and do not have any family, friends or neighbours around to talk to or help you, then contact the Greenwich Community Hub. We're here for you, and can support you with:

- food
- keeping your mind and body healthy
- money issues
- housing
- employment, volunteering and training
- advice about staying warm and well in winter
- social activities

Part of Coronavirus (COVID-19) **Business support**

Coronavirus (COVID-19) support is available to businesses

- Loans, tax relief and cash grants are available
- Employers might be eligible for financial support to pay wages
- Self-employed people might be eligible for a taxable grant covering 55% of trading profits

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus/business-support>

Find coronavirus financial support for your business

Coronavirus (COVID-19) support is available to employers and the self-employed, including sole traders and limited company directors. You may be eligible for loans, tax relief and cash grants, whether your business is open or closed.

Use this business support finder to see what support is available for you and your business.

Start now >

<https://www.gov.uk/business-coronavirus-support-finder>

Guidance

Claim for wages through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme

Claim for some of your employee's wages if you have put them on furlough or flexible furlough because of coronavirus (COVID-19).

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/claim-for-wages-through-the-coronavirus-job-retention-scheme>

The Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme is being extended until 31 March 2021.

30 November 2020 is the last day employers can submit or change claims for periods ending on or before 31 October 2020.

Claims for furlough days in November 2020 must be submitted by 14 December 2020.

If you cannot maintain your workforce because your operations have been affected by coronavirus (COVID-19), you can furlough employees and apply for a grant to cover a portion of their usual monthly wage costs where you record them as being on furlough.

The Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme will remain open until 31 March 2021. From 1 November 2020 you can claim 80% of an employee's usual salary for hours not worked, up to a maximum of £2,500 per month.

You can claim for employees who were employed on 30 October 2020, as long as you have made a PAYE RTI submission to HMRC between the 20 March 2020 and 30 October 2020, notifying a payment of earnings for that employee.

If you receive public funding

If you have staff costs that are publicly funded (even if you're not in the public sector), you should use that money to continue paying your staff, and not furlough your staff. Organisations can use the scheme if they are not fully funded by public grants.

Note that the proportion of privately funded hours where your numbers of children or hours which were paid for parents can be factored in here.

Guidance

Check if you can claim a grant through the Self-Employment Income Support Scheme

If you're self-employed or a member of a partnership and have been impacted by coronavirus (COVID-19) find out if you can use this scheme to claim a grant.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/claim-a-grant-through-the-coronavirus-covid-19-self-employment-income-support-scheme>

Early Years & Childcare Training

Safeguarding & Welfare	Intermediate Safeguarding	28/11/2020	09:30	12:30
	Healthy Early Years London <i>healthy eating & food hunger</i>	05/12/2020	10:30	12:00
Paediatric First Aid	Paediatric First Aid – blended	02/12/2020	08:45	16:00
	Paediatric First Aid – blended	12/12/2020	08:45	16:00
	Paediatric First Aid – blended	19/12/2020	08:45	16:00
	Paediatric First Aid – blended	13/01/2021	08:45	16:00
	Paediatric First Aid – blended	16/01/2021	08:45	16:00

1:1 slots to support Risk Assessments and Systems of Controls advice available or drop ins for advice

To schedule email childcare-support@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

Trainings & Briefings.

Please download free Zoom app on device of your choice <https://zoom.us/download>

🔒 Book via usual Direct Services to Schools training link below. For info email eyc.training@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

[http://servicestoschools.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/courses/private,-voluntary-and-independent-\(pvi\)-and-childminders](http://servicestoschools.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/courses/private,-voluntary-and-independent-(pvi)-and-childminders)

IMPORTANT ACTIONS FOR PROVIDERS

DFE Data Collection Survey link to be completed

NEW TIME EXTENSION

every WEDS by 7pm – this continues to be a requirement by the DFE

The weekly survey has been changed, made shorter!

It is really important that you complete it in order for the work you are doing to be reflected nationally

<https://wh.snapsurveys.com/s.asp?k=160258722722>

Digital Offers by **Children's Centres** and **Greenwich Libraries**

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/Greenwich-Libraries-375637446612900/videos/>



Children's Centres

To get in touch with your local Children's Centre by phone – you can find their contact details here

https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/directory/15/childrens_centres

EAST CHILDREN'S CENTRES

www.facebook.com/abbeywoodthamesmeadchildrenscentres

Telephone 020 8311 5491 / Email waterways@gll.org

SOUTH GREENWICH CHILDREN'S CENTRES

www.facebook.com/southgreenwichchildrenscentres

Tel: 020 8859 1110 / Email: SGCCSM@gll.org

GREENWICH WEST CHILDREN'S CENTRES

Website: <https://www.quaggydevelopmenttrust.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/quaggycc>

Follow Halo the Hippo <https://www.facebook.com/halothehippo>

CENTRAL GREENWICH CHILDREN'S CENTRES

<http://www.homestartgreenwich.org.uk/>

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East Children's Centres "Children Centres without walls"



We've missed you 😊

Join your Children Centre team for a catch up

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to reserve your place
020 8311 5491 x1

Monday	Singalong with Deni
Tuesday	Rhyme time with Elaine and Zoe, Cardio with Rosanna and Boys will be...with Kelly
Wednesday	Get Curious with Danielle, Story Time with Michelle
Thursday	Pilates with Rosanna, Live singalong with Deni and Cuddles
Friday	Mama Bakes and Story Time with Jane
Saturday	Storytime with Jacqui
Sunday	Fitness Fun with Cuddles

Waterways Children's Centre Southwood Road SE28 8EZ 020 8311 5491 ext 1	Mulberry Park Children's Centre Boxgrove Road SE2 9JP 020 8311 5491 ext 3	Discovery Children's Centre Battery Road SE28 0JN 020 8311 5491 ext 4	Abbey Wood Children's Centre Dahlia Road SE2 0SX 020 8311 5491 ext
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SOUTH GREENWICH CHILDREN'S CENTRES

Facebook: @southgreenwichchildrenscentres Instagram: @betterchildrenscentres_south Email: SGCCSM@gll.org Tel: 020 8859 1110

www.facebook.com/southgreenwichchildrenscentres

Sample Week

Monday 9 th	10am Ted and Flo start the week with a song	11am Morning Story	12noon Messy Play Monday	1pm It's a song and dance!
Tuesday 10 th	10am Flo starts the day with a song	11am Morning Story	12noon Get Crafty	1pm It's a song and dance!
Wednesday 11 th	10am Flo starts the day with a song	11am Morning Story	12noon Cook and no Book...it's a rap!	1pm It's a song and dance!
Thursday 12 th	10am Flo starts the day with a song	11am Morning Story	12noon Top Tips with our Therapists Occupational Therapy	1pm It's a song and dance!
Friday 13 th	10am Scooby Story Time with Ted	11am Top Tips with our Therapists Speech & Language	12noon Interactive Music	1pm It's a song and dance!
Saturday 14 th	10am Winter activities	11am Fun fitness with Flo		

GREENWICH WEST CHILDREN'S CENTRE DIGITAL OFFER

Website: <https://www.quaggydevelopmenttrust.org/>

Online calendar: <https://www.quaggydevelopmenttrust.org/live-calendar/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/quaggycc>

Twitter: @quaggycc www.twitter.com/quaggycc

Instagram: quaggycc1

Follow Halo the Hippo <https://www.facebook.com/halothehippo>

Family support

We continue to offer family support, but we will only be able to offer phone calls whilst we are in lockdown, we will try and guide you to the right agencies who can help with finances, housing, activities to do with your children at home and more.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
10am Halo the Hippo Family Learning Activity	10am Halo the Hippo Family Learning Activity	10am Halo the Hippo Family Learning Activity	10am Halo the Hippo Family Learning Activity	10am Halo the Hippo Family Learning Activity	10am Halo the Hippo Family Learning Activity	10am Halo the Hippo Family Learning Activity
	3pm Music and Movement with Sharon			Sensory Play Session		
3.30pm Story Time with Quaggy staff	3.30pm Story Time with Quaggy staff	3.30pm Story Time with Quaggy staff	3.30pm Story Time with Quaggy staff	3.30pm Story Time with Quaggy staff		

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Homestart Greenwich YouTube channel Online Video Content	<p>Reading Corner Various Staff, Volunteers and Service Providers will be sharing their favourite books – All Ages –</p>	<p>Interactive Music-Making (IMM) Therapy Targeted musical activities which encourages early childhood development with Oxleas</p> <p>Speech and Language advice Sessions How to advice sessions from the Speech and Language Therapist team</p>	<p>Tiny Feet An exciting introduction to dance and movement with We are Footsteps Walkers to Pre-school age</p>	<p>Laugh, Sing and Play Family laughter workshop with interactive games & songs with Video with Patricia Byrne 1yr-5yrs</p>	<p>Baby Play Story time and sing-a-long 0-12 months</p> <p>Fun Fridays: Miscellaneous fun-time videos from Staff, Volunteers and Service Providers All ages</p>
Zoom Lessons/Sessions	<p>ESOL 12.45pm-2.45pm Classes for adults wanting to improve their English and work towards a qualification.</p> <p>Mum's Aid Counselling Tailored one-to-one support for mums with postnatal depression and other mental health issues. 07758763908</p> <p>Mindful Mums Group for pregnant and new mums to learn tips and techniques to look after themselves and build resilience to handle the stresses and anxieties of being a mum.</p>	<p>Greenwich Downs Group Greenwich Downs Group Parent-led support group, whose main aim is to provide support to families who have a member with Down's syndrome.</p> <p>Mindful Mums Group for pregnant and new mums to learn tips and techniques to look after themselves and build resilience to handle the stresses and anxieties of being a mum.</p>	<p>Taru Art Fantastic sessions 10am-11am – Interactive Storytelling, songs and crafts.</p>	<p>Special Babies and Children's Group 10.30am-11.15am – Friendly, supportive, parent-led group for babies and children under 5 with additional needs</p> <p>Beginners Ballet lessons 5.30pm-7pm To book a place call Nashira 07549 517 813</p> <p>Young Mums Aid Provision of specialist counselling and support for pregnant and new mothers aged up to 21 years living in Greenwich. 07502 580928</p>	<p>Bouncing Babies 10am-11am This is a singing and signing session for parents which offers the opportunity for babies to experience music and singing accompanied with puppets, instruments and strategies to support early communication development.</p>