

Early Years Provider Newsletter

Edition 5 2020

Introduction

Welcome to the fifth edition of the Early Years E –bulletin, which has lots of information on a number of topics

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Covid – 19

As always can we take this opportunity to thank you for the information and updates you have provided so far and continue to provide, it's extremely helpful and very much appreciated

Dear Childcare Provider

Due to the unprecedented circumstances and changes to legislation, it has been reported that some providers are unable to meet childcare requests.

If you receive a request from parents that you are unable to meet, please would you refer them to me (Janet Watts) at the Family Information Service where we can support them finding alternative provision in their local area.

Thank you

The full list of DfE guidance can be found here:

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

Where financial and business support may be required to sustain the continued provision, Bury Council have a single point of contact you may wish to access- investin@Bury.gov.uk , where advice, support and signposting is available in terms of how to access loans, grants etc. Please send any questions or requests for financial advice to this email.

Family Information Service and Bury Directory Officer

Email: childinfo@bury.gov.uk

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Phone: 0161 253 7956

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Plans for all children and young people to return to full-time education at the start of the autumn term

The guidance for the full opening of schools, early years and colleges at the start of the autumn can be found here:

[Actions for early years and childcare providers during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak](#)

[protective measures for holiday or after-school clubs and other out-of-school settings guidance](#)

please see amendment within this link on 'Bubbles'

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

Infection control

If you need advice around infection control Please don't hesitate to contact the team on the 0161 253 6900 8am to 5pm Monday to Friday or 0161 253 5577 out of hours or e-mail infectioncontrolprevention@bury.gcsx.gov.uk.

For further support and guidance on public health issues you can register for alerts on the link below. Just scroll down to the bottom of the main page to register

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>

Early Years Funding

RE: Early years funding this autumn term

Today, the department has announced its position on funding local authorities and childcare providers for the early years free entitlements for the 2020 autumn term, confirming that we will fund childcare at the level we would have done before coronavirus, until the end of the year.

This means that even if providers are open, but caring for fewer children they usually would be in the autumn term – as a result of low demand from parents or due to public health reasons – they can continue to be funded as if the COVID-19 pandemic were not happening. This gives another term of secure income to nurseries and childminders who are open for the children who need them.

The guidance sets out that local authorities should continue fund early years providers who are open and offering their usual entitlements places, at broadly the levels they would have expected to see in the 2020 autumn term had there been no coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Local authorities should also continue to fund providers which have been advised to close, or left with no option to close, due to public health reasons. Local authorities should not fund providers who are closed in the autumn term for non-public health reasons.

The guidance is available [here](#).

If you have any free entitlement funding enquiries please contact either Adele or Jenny who will be able to support

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Early Years Foundation Stage

Pathways to Talking Project -A huge thank you again to all those providers who have been really pro active throughout the lockdown period sharing a wide range of activities/ story telling sessions via their social media pages. This has not only supported our childrens well being, and overall development across the EYFS, it has also supported transition back into schools and settings, and also the childrens home learning environment. If you are willing for us to share any of these video's via our own social media pages please would you get in touch. We are currently

collating a range of good practice activities linked to speech, language and communication to share ourselves over the Summer holidays. The aim of this is to help raise awareness of Bury's Speech, Language and Communication Pathway for children aged 0-5 years, and also give you ideas and guidance to support your practice. Please email s.walton@bury.gov.uk if you are willing to share any of these.

The themes for the Summer will be as follows:

Wc 20/27th July : GM Top 10 Tips for talking

Wc 3/10th Aug : Songs and Rhymes

Wc 17/24th Aug : Favourite stories and story telling tips

Please find below a power point detailing an update of the work so far across Bury, and plans for the future.



Pathways to Talking
project so far....pptx

Please see below the full report from the GM Pathways to Talking Project for GMCA. The report details all the work that has been carried out so far across the 10 localities within Greater Manchester including Bury.



GMPTT Project
Report June 2020.pdf

Re-opening Settings

The Parenta group have an impressive line-up of early years business experts who will give vital advice on subjects such as financial management, funding, furloughed staff and holidays, business loans and grants.

Parenta organised a live Qand A with early years business experts that will support you to bounce back , post lock down. Here is the link to the webinar

<https://youtu.be/0wHE9o8jxEw>

Safeguarding

Domestic abuse campaign

The Home Office has produced translated materials on domestic abuse in the following languages: Welsh, Urdu, Punjabi, Hindi, Bengali, Gujarati, Mandarin, Farsi, Arabic, Somali, Polish, Romanian, Spanish, Italian, Tamil and French.

People who are affected by domestic abuse may be harder to reach at this time and we really appreciate your support in raising awareness of this important message. Please help us reach as many people as possible by sharing materials through your channels.

Translated materials are available [here](#).
English materials are available [here](#)

The Home Office and the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, have updated their advice and guidance to help parents and carers to keep children safe online during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak to include new information on apps to help children stay safe online.

Advice and guidance on keeping children safe online can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-online>

Clare's Law – advice for all

The **Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme** (DVDS) – commonly known as '**Clare's law**' – allows individuals to ask the police to check whether a new or existing partner has a violent past (the 'right to ask'). If police checks show that a person may be at risk of domestic violence from their partner, the police will consider disclosing the information.

The aim of the scheme is to give people an opportunity to make enquiries about an individual who they are in a relationship with, or who is in a relationship with someone they know, and there is a concern that the individual may be abusive towards their partner.

If police checks show that the individual has a record of offences relating to abuse or there is other information to indicate the person you know is at risk, the police will consider sharing this information with the person(s) best placed to protect the potential victim.

The best way forward is to contact the police via 101 and log the request for a disclosure, this will then be picked up and dealt with according by the police. The police will contact the person making the request and will further discuss the concerns and decide whether it is appropriate for any additional information to be shared in order to help protect the person who is in the relationship with the individual who may be at risk.

Clare's Law aims to enable potential victims to make an informed choice on whether to continue the relationship, and provides help and support to assist the potential victim when making that informed choice.

Clare's Law in Manchester

The DVDS has been in place in Manchester since September 2012. The number of requests has been increasing over recent years but GMP is keen to ensure that all members of the public are aware of their right to ask whether their partner or ex-partner poses a risk to them.

Applications can be made by males or females over the age of 16-years-old in heterosexual or same-sex relationships. If police checks show that the partner or ex-partner has a record of abusive behaviour or there is other information to indicate the applicant may be at risk, a multi-agency decision will be taken on what information should be shared.

Both domestic abuse victims and offenders can be from any background with it affecting people of any gender, ethnicity or sexual orientations. If people have concerns for whatever reason about a romantic partner there is no shame in making a request under the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme. All requests are dealt with sensitively with police establishing a safe way to contact the applicant and any disclosure being made in person.

A third party, such as a family member, neighbour or friend, can also make an application if they are concerned about someone they know, but they would not necessarily be the person to receive any information. It may be more appropriate for someone else to receive any disclosure, such as the person they have enquired on behalf of or someone who it is considered is better able to protect that person from harm.

In addition to the 'right to ask' there is also the 'right to know' which gives the police the mechanism to proactively disclose information to someone who has formed a relationship with someone who has a history of domestic abuse if it is considered that that person is at risk of harm. Similarly, to a request made under the 'right to ask', a multi-agency decision will be made whether it is lawful, proportionate and necessary to release any information.

To request information under Clare’s Law from GMP visit their **Make a Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (DVDS) application** web page at www.gmp.police.uk/request-information-under-clares-law

You can also visit your nearest police station. All an applicant will need to do is provide the name, address and date of birth of the victim and police will make initial checks to establish if there are any immediate concerns.

For further information on domestic abuse, call the **Domestic Violence Helpline** on **0808 2000 247** or visit the website www.sittingrightwithyou.co.uk.

Home Office guidance can be found on their website at www.gov.uk/domestic-violence-disclosure-scheme

Local policy

greater Manchester safeguarding Board has adopted the Greater Manchester Safeguarding procedures in relation to the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (DVDS) and these can be found at greatermanchesterscb.proceduresonline.com

Send & Inclusion

BBC bitesize have a range of activities resources to support children with SEND (special educational needs and disabilities) and their families, please click on the link below for more information.



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zh9v382>

Training and information

Please see the link below. There are some free e-training sessions for early years practitioners.

<https://training.thetraininghub.co.uk/sign-up>



There is no firm evidence that gambling is increasing because of the coronavirus outbreak, but the government believe it could potentially be a major problem.

We know that many people's financial positions have changed overnight. Some people are unable to work and have more time on their hands and this can result in increased online gambling.

If you do find yourself gambling more regularly than you used to do, it is important you seek help as soon as possible. Many gambling charities and support agencies are still operating and providing information online, over the phone and via group forums, such as whatsapp.

organisations that can offer help and support

- National Gambling Helpline: Phone 0808 8020 133
- [GamCare](#)

[NHS - gambling addiction](#)

The Lullaby Trust - Safer sleep for babies, Support for families

The **Lullaby Trust** raises awareness of sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), provides expert advice on safer sleep for babies and offers emotional support for ..

[. www.lullabytrust.org.uk](http://www.lullabytrust.org.uk)

Safer sleep advice

Sleeping products - Baby summer safety -
Breastfeeding - ...

Sleeping products

The research that backs up our Safer Sleep advice has found ...

Mattresses and bedding

A Moses basket or cot is a safe place for a baby to sleep. Take ...

Sudden Infant Death

Sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) is the sudden and ...

Ofsted News

Inspections following the easing of lock down

Earlier this week Her Majesty's chief inspector announced plans to scale back up their visits in the autumn term.

Quote

" I want to take this opportunity to reassure you that inspectors will be taking full account of the challenges that COVID-19 has thrown at you. You have been critical service providers for our most vulnerable children and we recognise that you may have had to make some pragmatic decisions in difficult times. Inspectors will want to understand how you have remained child-centred in your practice and how you have remained focused on children's wellbeing. As we get back to inspection we want to be as supportive as possible in our shared mission to do the best we can for children.

Throughout the pandemic, Ofsted has continued to undertake inspections within regulated settings where there are concerns. From the autumn term Ofsted will start visiting across remits but in a different form prior and during the pandemic. Inspections will no longer give graded judgements, but we will set out findings in a report/letter to the provider and these will be published on our [reports website](#). We will make clear if there are any serious concerns about practice and/or the experiences of children and where necessary, make requirements and recommendations for improvement. Where required Ofsted will also continue to use enforcement powers in settings we regulate.

For regulated providers, the interim period will run until March 2021 (the end of the regulatory year) so that we can visit as many providers as possible under these arrangements. You can read further details on our GOV.UK page: [Ofsted's autumn 2020 plans](#). "

Looking after ourselves and others

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We have learnt a lot of things during lockdown and hopefully we will carry some of them with us when normality resumes. Here are a few things that I think are important to remember.

Staying connected We've learn the importance of being in company. We will never take for granted meeting a friend for coffee or going to see our family again.

Health & wellbeing We're more aware of our physical and mental health. Taking time to exercise or go outside once a day will be improving our wellbeing.

Getting creative Whether you've started a new hobby or spent more time in the kitchen, you may be appreciating developing new skill

However you have been dealing with lockdown we would love to know, please share with us and we can share with everybody else. Your news, view and tips for staying healthy are much appreciated

Please send to me Sam McLaren at s.mclaren@bury.gov.uk or contact me by telephone on 0161 253 5087 or my mobile number on 07826533957