



FAQs for Childminders	
Question?	Response
Training	
First Aid has expired during lockdown, what can I do?	All first aid certificates will be extended until training commences. Staff then have four months from date of expiry to retrain. Settings to notify SEYT of expiry and when retrained.
Safeguarding has expired during lockdown, what can I do?	All safeguarding certificates will be extended until training commences. Staff then have four months from date of expiry to retrain. Settings to notify SEYT of expiry and when retrained. Any current safeguarding issues should be talked through with Linda Roberts.
Food Hygiene has expired during lockdown, what can I do?	You must complete your food hygiene certificates on line and these must remain up to date.
Do we need to complete a Covid-19 prevention course?	This is not a statutory requirement and does not replace your statutory requirements regarding enhanced cleaning. There are online course staff can complete for awareness which you may consider, check they are reputable and correct and are giving accurate information regarding the Bailiwick's requirements.
Can someone who is working in another place of work also work in a preschool/ nursery?	Yes unless they are working in a care home or in a hospital/ hospice/ persons home with the elderly and vulnerable and then no they would NOT be allowed to also work in your nursery or preschool at this stage in the lockdown exit framework.
Do I need to wash my hair and tie it up daily?	You are required to ensure your personal hygiene is kept to a high standard of cleanliness including washing your hair regularly. You can do this daily (evening or morning) it is recommended hair is tied up when working.
Do I need to change my clothes daily?	Yes you are required to have high standards of hygiene including clean clothes daily.
PPE	
What PPE is required?	Gloves and aprons should be worn when cleaning equipment. See Enhanced Guidance for more detail. Masks are not required even for nappy changing.
Are we able to access hand sanitiser and cleaning products from SEYT?	No, unfortunately these need to be provided by you as private businesses
Do we have to use hand sanitisers with children?	You must ensure all children wash their hands regularly with soap and water, including babies. Children who are able to effectively use hand sanitisers where soap and running water is not available (e.g. outdoors), should do so, this will not be appropriate for babies and for some of our older children.
What is classed as a high temperature?	37.8°C or above
Home/Provision	
Who can I have in my home?	Only the children you are minding and your own children. Only the adults who are registered to be in your home whilst



	working: Not your extended bubble or other childminders.
What are the restrictions when we go out with the children for recreation?	Recreation with your children is allowed, you must abide by physical distancing measures with other member of the public. If you come together with another childminder you must adhere to PH's guidance and physically distance as adults. You cannot share food, drinks or resources and ensure hand hygiene is strictly followed.
Can we visit the beach or park with a group of children?	Yes. As long as enhance hygiene standards are met and you ensure children will not interact with the general public. When using public toilets, procedures need to be in place to ensure toilets are clean before and left clean after use, supervise hand washing and stop members of the public from using the toilets when children are using them to ensure physical distancing.
Are allowed to apply sun cream?	Yes, please ensure you follow your sun safety requirements. All children need to have sun cream when outside and wear a hats see https://www.skcin.org/sunSafetyAndPrevention/childrenBabiesAndToddlers.htm for information and guidance. Hats must be washed daily and sun cream should be applied individually washing hands in between each application as per usual requirements.
Do we have to pack away or can we leave resources out if no one else is going to touch it?	You can leave out resources if you can be certain no one is going to be using the space and the door is locked.
Can we use a mini bus or car to transport – subject to insurance and risk assessment/ permission etc.?	We are recommending load to 50% seated capacity only in a mini bus (over 8 seats). You must only use your car if it is essential to do so. If you are transporting in a car please keep this to a minimum and walk where possible. If you do need to use a car, it must be cleaned daily. Car seats must be cleaned daily and if the car seat is used by different children the cover removed and washed at least at 60°. If the car seat has sole use by a child ensure you keep it clean and remove the cover and wash it at least once a week.
Are children allowed to 'top and tail' when sleeping?	No, they need individual sleeping spaces at a minimum of 1 metre apart, this is not a situation where social distancing cannot be applied so it must be. Usual safe sleeping requirements apply e.g. regularly checked, well ventilated etc.
Other	
What is the first date I can open?	Childminders that have remained open during the COVID-19 lockdown phases can continue to operate under guidance from phase 2/3 as you have been whilst paperwork is completed, submitted and signed off by SEYT. Only once this is in place can childminders extend their offer to all families from 1 st June 2020 under Phase 4 requirements. Closed settings can open as soon as paperwork is completed, submitted and signed off by SEYT from 1 st June 2020 at the earliest under Phase 4 requirements. You can chose to delay your reopening and use a phased approach as necessary for you and your workforce. If you have not completed, submitted and had your paper work signed off by the SEYT you are NOT permitted to operate and will be in direct breach of the requirements during this time and you




	registration may be suspended.
I have 2 vulnerable children attending from other nurseries. Where do I stand if those nurseries choose not to open?	These children still need to remain as a priority if they are staying with you. Discussions with parents and other providers around placements need to focus on the individual child's needs.
Can a child attend more than one provision/ childminder?	Yes they can attend up to two settings including a childminders.
What are the requirements with regards to physical distancing with our children?	It is accepted that physical distancing is not possible with children under 5 years old and other mitigations such as the enhanced cleaning and hand washing, removal of some resources and no visitors/ friends into your own home are in place to mitigate risks. For children over the age of 5 it is recommended you aim for 1 metre minimum physical distancing as they will be in schools.
Can I do a school pick up at more than one school and or preschool?	Not in phase 4. You are only permitted to pick up from ONE other provider.
Is there a limit to the number of children they can have in their home?	You are required to ensure you aim for 1 metre minimum physical distancing as they would at school. So if you do not have the space to ensure this then this will limit the number of children you can have in your home at any one time.
Can a childminder, who will have children in their care during the day, then go and do a preschool pickup followed by a school pickup?	Yes, but as with previous guidance you need to think how you can provide enough space that the older children can physically distance in in your own home.

Resources

Can we use crayons or chalk?	Consider a pack of resources such as scissors, glue, pencils crayons for each child. If this isn't feasible only put out some and rotate media so they are not reintroduce for a minimum of 72 hours. Chalk cannot be used unless it is disposed of after use as it cannot be cleaned.
Can we have water play?	Not as a water tray. Water can be used for washing with detergent (e.g. washing dolls, cars etc.) individual containers can be used for water painting, watering plants and investigations.
Can we use a paddling pool?	No shared water play is not permitted in phase 4
Can I still have rugs / mats?	No. Unless you can clean them daily in a hot wash (over 60°)
Can we have gym mats rather than rugs?	Yes, as long as they can be wiped clean
Can I still have playdough?	Not for communal use. Individual pots named for each child can be kept. Or you can make individual playdough for a child to use and take home.
Can we use jigsaws and board games?	Yes but put them away for 72 hours after each use so ensure they are on a rota.
Can we use Milton?	Yes, using a net bag to clean small world, construction, cars etc. in soapy water followed by a bucket of Milton for minimum of 20 minutes then air dried. Also consider using the dishwasher where it's safe to do so.
Can we use sand trays or sandpits?	No sand pits can be used in Phase 4. Individual sand trays can



	be used and either disposed of or put away for a minimum of 72 hours before they are reintroduced to an individual. This applies to kinetic sand also.
Can we use trampolines?	Trampolines are not recommended for use with children under 6 years old. If you use a trampoline with 6+ year old then it will need to be cleaned after each use and ensure safety risk assessments are in place. Only one child should use the trampoline at a time to maintain social distancing. This may already be part of the usual risk assessment for use.
Can we have books out?	Yes organise you books so a selection can be used in a daily rota ensuring they are left for a minimum of 72 hours before being reintroduced again.
Can we use sensory play?	Not for a group activity, you can use individual containers/ trays which can be used by one child and then discarded.
Can we have dolls clothes out?	Yes if you can wash them daily at 60°+
Can we use buggies like this to take babies out? 	No, this would not be allowed in phase 4 but yes in phase 5. <u>Evacuation trollies MUST be used if required in an emergency e.g. fire</u>
Can childminders use double buggies when taking children out for their recreational time and/or school pickups?	No not in phase 4. If you need to use side by side double buggies (tandem would be slightly better – one in front of the other) you should consider not going out until phase 5 and use your garden. You also need to consider how you are going to manage physical distancing if taking the children out as there will be more than one child to observe at once. Regarding pick-ups, you may only use these if there is no other option and you MUST limit the time they are in use. Please be reassured that these steps are only for phase 4, there will be more relaxation when we move to phase 5.