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To all parents and carers of  
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Dear parent / carer,

Following the Prime Minister's announcement last week, Cambridgeshire and the rest of England is moving to the next stage of the government's roadmap out of lockdown.

From Monday, there was a further relaxation of the rules relating to families, individuals and businesses, but it is clear that the pandemic is not yet over. Locally people are still being admitted to hospital with COVID-19, and many are suffering the effects of "long COVID." We must take great care to ensure that the virus cannot spiral out of control again, and this includes taking a careful approach to how we operate all education and childcare settings.

Testing remains essential. It is our key protective measure against the virus: **Please make sure everyone in your house aged over 11 is taking two lateral flow (rapid) tests every week and reporting the results.** If the rapid test is positive, book a PCR (laboratory) test immediately. There is support available for people who must legally self-isolate if they or their children test positive.

Early years and childcare leaders will continue to use risk assessments to review the settings protective measures.

Anyone with symptoms should immediately isolate and get a PCR test, and everyone in the household should isolate until the PCR test result is received. The household should then follow NHS Test and Trace advice on receipt of the test result. Settings may request that parents continue to wear face coverings when dropping off and collecting children. This may not be a requirement after 21 June and the local authority advises that face coverings should continue to be worn until then.

Reducing household mixing and keeping your distance from people you don't live with (as well as washing your hands often) remains our best defence against the pandemic. For this reason, parental contact other than drop off/collections may remain online for the rest of the summer term. Setting visits for transition or new children may not happen either and alternative arrangements will be made. Your setting will risk assess any activity alongside its core risk assessment.

From 17 May, international travel restrictions will also be changing. There will be new green, amber and red lists of countries and territories overseas. When visiting places on the green list, all travellers must take a COVID-19 test on their return and will not need to quarantine unless the test result is positive. However, if you travel to, or through, an amber or red list country, all travellers are required to quarantine on their return. This includes children so please check the implication on fees and funding with your provider

We are grateful for your support through this most unusual and difficult time, which has been key to our efforts to protect and support you and your children. We ask that this support continues for a while longer, as communities manage the final stretch of the pandemic. The Local Authority is in full support of settings taking a cautionary approach and continuing with the preventative measures outlined in the government guidance.

Yours sincerely,



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