

## Vulnerable children

The Government expects that vulnerable children who have a social worker will attend an education setting, so long as they do not have underlying health conditions that put them at severe risk.

If your child has a child in need or a child protection plan there is an expectation that they will attend an education setting during Covid 19 lockdown.

## What's in it for your child

By coming to school your child is able to access rich range of resources which only schools can offer, including computing, sports, arts and crafts, outside space – but in an environment with high adult-pupil ratio which can help them develop their skills even further. By being in a routine of coming to school every day, your child will be ahead of the game when schools reopen, and the move back to 'normal' school days will be much easier for them.

## What's in it for you?

All the learning offer that is being sent home will take place in school, freeing you from having to focus on that when they get home. Time spent socialising with school peers instead of just with siblings can support their relationships at home – less squabbling and more playing! If your child is in school or nursery you can make the most of both worlds.

**Why your child should be attending their school or early years provision during Covid 19 lockdown**



**You must contact your child's school or pre-school setting to arrange for your child to take up their place during Covid 19**



## Supporting you

We know that most parents whose children have a child in need, or a child protection plan have a number of things they need to achieve before that plan can end.

Most support services are operating virtually during this period and some are still open or visiting homes to help parents make the changes they need to support their child.

Your social worker will talk to you about how we can continue to support you while your child is at school or nursery.

## Support from Children's Social Care

Our Family Safeguarding teams now employ domestic abuse, mental health and substance misuse workers. We can continue to support you to achieve your goals using FaceTime or WhatsApp.

While your child is in school is the time to make use of the support, we can offer you.

## If your child is not in school

We will consider what your child's absence means for their safety and welfare and we will assertively encourage you to take your child to school.



## “Schools take seriously hand hygiene and social distancing”



## School is a safe place

For you and your child.

The more your child is in school the better chance they have to get ahead with their learning and their social skills.

The more settled they are in school can be an indication that things are more settled at home.

The more opportunity you have to access support or make changes to your parenting the sooner your child will no longer need a plan.

All schools are taking very seriously social distancing and hygiene guidance. Unless your child has an underlying health condition, school is a safe place for them to be.

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