

Wraparound childcare for school age children

The 2nd June 2020 update of "[Actions for Early Years and Childcare Providers during the Coronavirus Outbreak](#)" the guidance was updated to state that

*"Providers which are registered with Ofsted or with a Childminder Agency which have before and after school clubs on school premises and can ensure they follow the protective measures guidance, are able to operate. This is only the case for registered providers which operate on school premises. All other out of school settings are **not** able to reopen." (Section 6.3)*

*Childminders **are** able to operate for all age groups in line with their Ofsted registration.*

There has been much confusion about school collection and drop off in the current context. PACEY say in their online FAQ's

Guidance has stated that childminding settings should consider how they can work with parents and carers to agree how best to manage any necessary journeys, for example pick-ups and drop-offs at schools, to reduce the need for a provider to travel with groups of children. Where parents can manage drop-offs and pick-ups this should be encouraged. If this is not possible and a provider has to pick-up/drop-off a child, walking is preferable. If this is not practicable then a private vehicle is preferable to public transport. If other children in your care would have to travel with you to do this, please check with their parents first to discuss any concerns.

We would encourage providers to work with parents to ensure any children who have to travel from one educational or childcare setting to another are supported to understand the importance of social distancing, regular hand washing etc. Ultimately, you should use your best judgement and help parents understand it may not be possible to offer drop-offs and pick-ups during the current pandemic, especially if the parents of other children in your care have not agreed to their child leaving your setting.'

After school clubs directly managed by a school or based on a school site are able to operate providing that their risk assessment shows that they can follow the guidance "[Implementing Protective Measures in education and Childcare settings](#)". Providers that are based on school site under separate management must have a separate risk assessment.

Provision must also be operating on the same premises as the school those children are attending and only caring for children of that schools and no others.

If it is not possible to keep children in the same groups that they have been in during the school day then the provision should not operate. Guidance for providers who are eligible to reopen can be found on our [Coronavirus – Provider Updates](#) page on Learn Together, along with a model risk assessment.

We are currently seeking clarification about the opening of holiday schemes that either run on school sites or in local communities.