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COVID-19 UPDATE

NATIONAL LOCKDOWN RULES APPLY IN ENGLAND: Stay at Home

The Prime Minister has announced a national lockdown and instructed people to stay at home to control the virus, protect the NHS and save lives.

The restrictions came into effect from Tuesday 5th January 2021 and are expected to last until the middle of February if the situation in hospitals improve.

If you have any symptoms, test positive please contact your SSW even on weekends

Coronavirus Symptoms:

- ✓ High Temperature
- ✓ A New, Continuous Cough
- ✓ A Loss Of, Or Change To, Your Sense of Smell or Taste

From Tuesday 5th January 2021, people will only be allowed to leave their homes for the following reasons:

- shop for basic necessities, for you or a vulnerable person.
- go to work, or provide voluntary or charitable services, if you cannot reasonably do so from home.
- exercise with your household (or support bubble) or one other person, this should be limited to once per day, and you should not travel outside your local area.
- meet your support bubble or childcare bubble where necessary, but only if you are legally permitted to form one.
 - seek medical assistance or avoid injury, illness or risk of harm (including domestic abuse).
 - attend education or childcare - for those eligible.

Schools will be required to provide remote education for those learning at home.

Early years settings such as nurseries, alternative provision and special schools will remain open and vulnerable children and children of critical workers can continue to use registered childcare, childminders and other childcare activities.

The full details on what you can and cannot do are available [here](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus).

Please visit
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for further details

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Notifications

Foster carers **MUST** notify the agency immediately for any of the following:

- a positive COVID-19 test,
- if a child is missing,
- a child goes to the hospital in emergency,
- Police comes to your house,
- An accident,
- An allegation,
- A Foster carer is going away in an emergency,
- If we need to carry out a DBS (police check) e.g. if a family member is staying in your house (even for one night),
- Contagious diseases (e.g. Ring worm).

COVID-19 Vaccinations

- Some Local Authorities are beginning to roll out vaccinations to foster carers who have children placed with them,
- Please contact your GP for an appointment and state that you are a carer,
- If you have the vaccination please inform your SSW.