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## **NOTE FOR ALL CHILDCARE PROVIDERS AND CHILDMINDERS**

### Online Support Sessions on Reopening Guidance for Childcare Settings

As part of the suite of support measures we are putting in place around reopening guidance, Scottish Government and Care Inspectorate are hosting a series of online support sessions for the sector. These sessions will allow for discussion on the various guidance documents which apply to childcare settings and will provide an opportunity to ask any questions you may have about the guidance.

The first of these sessions will be held on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> of July between 14:00 – 15:00 and will specifically cover the safe reopening of ELC settings including nurseries, playgroups, family centres etc. Further sessions on Childminding and Out Of School Care will follow and we'll send a further communication on those shortly.

Care Inspectorate and Scottish Government will introduce the guidance with a brief overview of its development and the key points within it, before we move in to discussion and Q&A for the remainder of the session. The sessions will be held online and you can book a place via the following link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1144069744502011664>

We expect high demand for these sessions so ask that only one person per organisation or setting, registers for each. The limit for each session is 500 participants so we'll work on a first come first served basis. Should we be oversubscribed we will consider hosting further sessions but the event will be recorded and put online so anyone unable to attend can catch-up at a time that suits them.

The online platform we're using for these sessions allows participants to ask questions throughout the session and we'd encourage you to do so. However, please be aware that if demand is high for these sessions it is likely that we will not get through each individual question. To ensure we cover as wide a range of enquiries as possible we will be collating questions, during the session, for the presenters who will then be able to address the questions for participants. If we do not get through all the questions, we will take away any that do not get answered during the session and share responses to those after the event.

Ahead of the first session we'd encourage everyone to take a look at the FAQ document which Care Inspectorate have produced – [https://www.careinspectorate.com/images/documents/coronavirus/FAQs/FAQs\\_opening\\_of\\_ELC\\_settings\\_.pdf](https://www.careinspectorate.com/images/documents/coronavirus/FAQs/FAQs_opening_of_ELC_settings_.pdf). Many of your questions will be answered in this document and it will ensure we can use the time during the session to pick up on anything that is not covered here.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at these sessions.