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To: All registered fully outdoor childcare providers

Further to our letter of 10 June 2020 on the publication of guidance for the reopening of fully outdoor childcare providers, we write to provide you with updated advice.

Caring for Children in Small Groups

We are aware of some concerns from providers which were raised around the new guidance and the wording related to the practice of small group working. We sought clarification from Public Health Scotland in order to address these concerns and have [updated guidance for fully outdoor childcare providers](#) to reflect this.

This ensures guidance for outdoor childcare providers aligns with the new [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Phase 3: guidance on reopening early learning and childcare services](#) which was published yesterday.

- **Providers and staff must continue to follow public health advice, including the [advice for COVID-19 infected households](#) and the [Health Protection Scotland COVID-19 guidance for non-healthcare settings](#). Risk assessments of settings must take place, giving consideration to the relevant guidance.**

Our priority remains the safety of every individual in Scotland. The virus still exists and it is important that we continue to follow the guidance around physical distancing (where possible), increased hygiene measures and that we self-isolate if an individual or members of their household have any symptoms of coronavirus. More information can be found at [NHS Inform](#).

Thank you for your continued commitment to delivering high quality ELC and childcare.