Friday 10 July 2020

NOTICE FOR CHILDCARE AGENCIES ON GUIDANCE CHANGES FROM PHASE 3

To: All registered childcare agencies,

On 9 July 2020, the First Minister announced that households could begin meeting indoors from 10 July 2020, subject to some restrictions. This change will allow for childcare provided in the child’s home to resume, subject to certain restrictions.

From 10 July 2020, the changing restrictions around meeting indoors mean that nannies and babysitters will be able to resume their services. They should do so in line with the guidance on households meeting indoors, namely:

- **Outdoors** – a household can meet up to 4 other households at a time – up to 15 people in total.
- **Indoors** – a household can meet up to 2 other households at a time – up to 8 people in total. This includes overnight stays.
- A household can meet up to 4 other households per day in total (this is in total – meetings indoors and/or outdoors).
- The limit on the number of other households you can meet per day (indoors or outdoors) doesn’t apply to young people who are younger than 18.
- Children aged 11 or under no longer need to physically distance indoors. Young people aged 12-17 must continue to physically distance.
- Food and personal care: An adult can feed a baby, but parents should prepare food in advance to minimise risk. When changing a nappy, or supporting other intimate care, good hygiene practices should be followed.

We hope you find this information helpful. We are determined to support families, childcare providers and communities through the coronavirus pandemic and as such, you may find our Parent Club website has information and resources for parents and carers to access about coronavirus, childcare and home learning.