

May Partner Newsletter

Welcome to our newsletter which provides information and updates related to PACEY support for childminders and prospective childminders in relation to COVID-19 for sharing with providers in your local authority



Looking ahead

As thoughts turn towards the next phase of planning for re-opening we are busy working on information, support and guidance for childminders. We understand that the journey towards reopening will be individual for each setting as highlighted within our Blog on [to re-open or not?](#) We will look to share more information with you once we have a suite of guidance and information published for practitioners working in Wales in our [reopening toolkit for settings](#). In the meantime, if we can be of assistance then please get in touch.

Adapting play in a home-based setting

There are a number of childminders that are still working to provide care for the children of critical workers and vulnerable children. PACEY Cymru has heard some wonderful examples of how childminders are working to stay connected with children and families that can't currently attend childcare, and how they are supporting the children in their care. To support those that are caring for children with limited access to resources under the current restriction we have published a Blog on adapting play in a home-based setting. [Read more here.](#)

Coronavirus information for childminders

We have been providing information to childminders in relation to Coronavirus in our [Spotlight on Coronavirus](#), which includes specific [information for Wales](#) and [FAQs for Wales](#). These are being kept up to date as new information comes through on a frequent basis and we are sharing regular updates with members through e-bulletins and on our PACEY Cymru Facebook page. [Read more here.](#)

Financial impact on childminders

The findings of a recent PACEY survey completed by 5,000 childminders in England and Wales identified that many childminders will miss out on Government support. The survey revealed that almost half (40%) of childminders say they are not confident, and that the vast majority (69%) of childminders in Wales made under £10,000 profit over the last three years. The survey also found that newer childminders (18% of survey respondents) will receive nothing or lower amounts under the current Self Employment Income Support Scheme (SEISS). [Read more here.](#)

<p>CIW Adapted registration guidance</p> <p>In response to COVID-19 CIW have published Adapted Registration Guidance for applicants and providers in Wales. CIW state “<i>We recognise there will be a need to increase capacity in the social care and childcare and play sectors in response to the COVID-19 emergency. Whilst we have paused our routine inspection regime, we will prioritise and divert additional resources to registration and variation work</i>”. Read more here.</p>	<p>Webinars Briefing sessions</p> <p>Webinar briefing sessions continue to be held frequently for those interested in becoming a registered childminder. Accessed remotely from the comfort of home, our interactive webinar briefing sessions will enable those interested in childminding to find out more about the role and requirements and explore whether it is the right career for them. Read more here.</p>
<p>Online pre-registration training</p> <p>PACEY Cymru offer an online option for our home-based childcare training in Wales. There are two different packages of training available, one for those looking to register as a childminder in Wales and one for nannies in Wales. Our online learning option enables those that are looking to proceed with their plans safely from the comfort of home. Read more here.</p>	<p>Pre-registration support webinars</p> <p>PACEY Cymru have dates coming up for a series of pre-registration support webinars on ‘writing your statement of purpose’, ‘writing your policies and procedures’ and ‘completing your CIW application’. The cost for individuals is £10 per webinar or £25 for all three. Read more here.</p>
<p>Sector responds to CMA's unfair investigation into childcare providers</p> <p>PACEY, the National Day Nurseries Association (NDNA) and the Scottish Childminding Association (SCMA) have written a joint letter to the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) requesting urgent clarification from them about how the investigation into early education and childcare providers will be and that we be included going forward. Read the full story and letter here.</p>	

And finally.....

If you have any comments or information you would like us to share in our quarterly newsletter, please call PACEY Cymru on 02920 351407 or email us at paceycymru@pacey.org.uk.