



### ***The Childcare Offer Small Grant (Capital funding) Update***

The Childcare Offer Small Grant Scheme was awarded to Carmarthenshire County Council through the Welsh Government's Capital Grant, with grants up to **£10,000** available for Childcare settings to help them to continue and to develop the number of childcare places they have available and help improve the quality of their facilities under the Childcare Offer.

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic the Welsh Government announced the Childcare Offer will be suspended for three months (from 18<sup>th</sup> March) and be replaced with the Coronavirus Childcare Assistance Scheme to support critical workers and vulnerable children.

This has also had an impact of the Childcare Offer Small Grant Scheme. We would like to inform all Childcare Settings that the Grant has been temporarily suspended due to COVID-19. For providers that have already applied, your application will be kept on file to be considered when the grant is reinstated. The closing dates previously advertised will be reviewed, and we will notify all Childcare Settings once the Grant becomes available to apply for again. Thank you all for your cooperation and understanding. Any queries please contact Laura Powell, Capital Project Manager [llpowell@carmarthenshire.gov.uk](mailto:llpowell@carmarthenshire.gov.uk)