

Hi All

The [government guidance](#) for the local lockdown in Northern England has been updated to include 3 FAQs relating to childcare – see below. Appreciate this won't cover every query that are receiving from parents and settings. Let me know if you have any feedback or areas where you feel a stronger message is needed from DfE. Will suggest that they directly address use of family outside affected area for childcare.

Can I still visit friends and family in their homes for childcare?

You should not meet with people you don't live with in their homes or gardens. Two households, or up to 6 people from multiple households, can still meet in outdoor public places (like parks) for childcare.

Where people from single adult households (people who live alone or single parents with dependent children aged under 18) have formed a support bubble with another household, they can continue to visit each other for childcare purposes. Parents and carers can continue to use registered child care provision, including childminders. They can also continue to employ nannies (please see our [guidance on working safely](#) in other people's homes.)

Can my friends or family still visit to provide childcare?

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Are early years childcare providers (including childminders) allowed to remain open?

Yes, early years and childcare settings may continue to provide education and childcare to all children. They should continue to follow our [guidance for early years and childcare settings](#). Providers can continue to operate with their normal groups sizes in line with the policy in place since 20 July.

Are holiday childcare providers allowed to remain open?

Yes, providers offering holiday clubs, tuition or other activities to children may also remain open as usual and should continue to follow the national guidance on [protective measures for holiday and after-school clubs and other out-of-school settings](#).