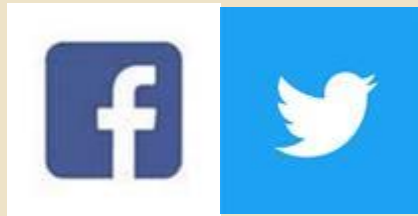




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We are here to support you through this Corona Virus crisis, please call 01 457 0122 or email info@southdublinchildcare.ie

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Key Dates 2020

Below are some important dates to remember for 2020 including **closing dates** in red and **introduction dates** in green, **payment dates** in purple, **training dates** in blue

Introductory Date	Tues 24 th March **CANCELLED**	➤ First 5 Consultation in Louis Fitzgerald – See Below
Training	Wed 25 th March **CANCELLED**	➤ Siolta Awareness Pt 1 Workshop
Payment Date	Fri 27 th March	➤ Payment date for successful Q1 FAR applicants
Closing Date	Fri 27 th March	➤ Closing Date for Capital Funding Applications See below
Introductory Date	Thurs 2 nd April	➤ Tusla portal opens for submitting outstanding re-registration documents
Introductory Date	Friday 3 rd April	➤ CCSP/TEC saver management window opens
Closing Date	Monday 27 th April	➤ CCSP/TEC saver management window closes
Closing Date	Friday 12 th June	➤ Applications for final FAR training reimbursement close
Payment Date	Friday 26 th June	➤ Final payment date for successful FAR reimbursement applications
Introductory Date	Friday 26 th June	➤ CCSP/TEC Saver Management Window opens
Closing Date	Tuesday 30 th June	➤ Final submission date for outstanding Tusla re-registration documents

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What Should I Do?



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Contact Information

SDCCC hope you, your children and families are keeping safe well at this very difficult time. It is hard for children when their normal routine is disrupted and many of them will miss the normality of engaging in play with their friends in childcare services.

We will keep you up to date with the news and developments relevant to you, your staff and our sector as much as possible through our emails, Facebook and twitter.

During this time some of our SDCCC team are working remotely in order to implement social distancing, however we will continue to support you throughout this crisis.

The best way to contact us is through email (see below) or you can call our main phone line and calls will be redirected to our mobile phones. (01 457 0122)

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We would suggest to keep in communication with parents during this time. You could send suggestions to parents regarding activities or play.

NCCA have a number of resources that contain lots of ideas, suggestions and practical examples of how parents can support their children's learning and development in the early years. Their learning and developing through play is available in a number of languages:

<https://ncca.ie/en/early-childhood/supporting-your-childs-play>



COVID-19 - DCYA

The following message from the DCYA was emailed to all services yesterday, but just in case you missed it:

"The Department of Children & Youth Affairs have asked us to communicate the following directive to all Service Providers:

In the context of the Taoiseach's announcement last week regarding the closure of crèches and childcare facilities from close of business on 12 March 2020, you will be aware that these measures were taken to support efforts to contain the spread of Covid-19 and were in line with advice from the National Public Health Emergency Team.

The Department of Children and Youth Affairs wishes to remind providers that they are not permitted to open their premises to provide services for any purpose at present."

From DCYA Website

The following links you may find helpful

You can find information on COVID-19 (Coronavirus) at the following links:

- [Department of Health](#)
- [HSE](#)
- [World Health Organization](#)
- [Health Protection Surveillance Centre](#)
- [Department of Education and Skills](#)

You can find a document below covering information for Childcare Providers on COVID-19:

Information on COVID-19 for Childcare Providers
Information on COVID-19 for Childcare Providers.

[Download](#)

The HSE has published an infographic with some basic facts on COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and how to prevent it. Read it [here](#).

The Department of Education and Skills have published guidance for schools and parents about talking to young children and students about COVID-19.

Read it [here](#). [\(Irish version\)](#)

Force Majeure - FAQs

Please refer to [Frequently Asked Questions Force Majeure \(Covid-19\)](#) issued by DCYA

Employer COVID-19 Refund Scheme

On 15 March 2020, the Government announced the implementation of exceptional measures, administered through the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection (DEASP), to enable workers who are temporarily laid off due to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic to claim a special support payment of €203 per week.

Revenue has worked closely with DEASP to provide an option for employers to make this payment to their employees through the normal payroll process. The amounts paid to employees under the scheme are not subject to tax, USC or PRSI.

Employers are encouraged to facilitate employees by operating the scheme. The amounts paid to employees and notified to Revenue will then be transferred into the employer's bank account by Revenue. This reimbursement will, in general, be made on a 'next day' basis. It will ensure a speedy payment process for employees and minimise the hardship for employees who are temporarily laid off. Refunds of income tax or USC that an employee may be entitled because of being laid off will also be administered by the employer, and will be repaid (to the employer) through the scheme. Read the full details [here](#)

Payments - Pobal

Payments relating to ECCE, CCSP and TEC will continue as normal. As you will not be submitting weekly returns, Pobal will make payments based on your current registrations. No new registrations will be permitted for the period of the closure.

NCS returns will not be generated on the HIVE to Service Providers, but Pobal will make weekly payments based on approved valid claims/registrations.

More news from Pobal

- All Better Start site visits, AIM level 3 and NSAI Aistear and Play training has been postponed.
- Compliance visits have been postponed also.
- You will NOT have to submit Force Majeure application for the period of the Covid19 Closure, to March 29th.

Early Learning and Care and School Aged Childcare Capital 2020

The application process for Early Learning and Care and School Age Childcare Capital 2020 remains open. We encourage any service that wishes to apply or who has an application in draft to complete and submit their application as soon as possible.

The Early Years Provider Centre (EYPC) remains available to aid applicants and answer queries for the duration of the directed closure period due to Covid-19.

If you have any queries please contact eypc@pobal.ie or call 01 5117222.



Upcoming Online Webinars

The team in SDCCC understand that this is a challenging and unfamiliar time for everyone, filled with uncertainty about how long the closure to your early years and school aged childcare services will last. However, should time allow, we have been given a great opportunity to improve our own professional practice with the option of engaging in online webinars and courses on relevant and interesting topics in line with the DCYA's/HSE's recent advice. That "only remote working can take place."

This may facilitate administration, e-learning and professional activities"

Below are some upcoming, online webinars that you as an owner/manager might like to engage in or to share with staff who may have an interest in the topic.



Upcoming Webinars from the National Childhood Network (NCN)

Early Childhood Investigations Webinars



[Bracing for COVID-19: What Early Childhood Programs Need to Know and Consider Now, by Julie Looper Coats, M.A., Jessica Rose-Malm, M.A. and Tom Copeland](#)

Date: 20th March 2020 at 6pm

[Click here for more information and registration](#)

[Understanding the Impact of Trauma on Behavior, by Barbara Kaiser](#)

Date: 25th March at 6pm

[Click here for more information and registration](#)

Resources and Websites

Just a few we came across that may be of use to you during this trying time

[NCCA-Supporting your Child's Play](#)

Wholechildcounseling.com

[Jamie's Preschool Warm-up](#)

[Giant List of ideas](#)

If anybody has any other ideas we will gladly share them on our Facebook page.



Informing Families of their Child's Disability

<http://www.informingfamilies.ie/>

We recently shared the following website on our facebook page that has some really useful information for professionals that can be printed and shared with families at the time of diagnosis of a child's additional needs, disability or developmental concern. It also contains helpful information to directly support you in your communication with families.

Following the success of their pilot classroom-based training programme, they have also developed an e-Learning Module

that can be followed at a time convenient to you.

<http://www.informingfamilies.ie/support-for-professionals-through-best-practice-guidelines-on-informing-families/elearning-module-with-interactive-training-.284.html>

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