

Activities childminders have been engaged in whilst in lockdown

Childminders have been engaging with children of parents that are critical workers, and families from priority early learning whilst in lockdown.

Childminders have sent in some of the work they have been doing with their children and their families over the lockdown period.

Tracy Everitt

We have been singing with a parent from our 3rd floor window as she was on a walk, the child really enjoyed it!! We have sent home seeds for planting sunflowers which are doing well, Easter gifts and the children's birthday gifts and a card if it's their birthday. We held a teddy bears picnic for VE day, and we are sending the activities for the children to do over the weekend.

I have been incorporating all the 7 area of learning with the links to activities, sending emails and WhatsApp messages or I will post activities and ideas on to them. The children that are here, we are doing all our activities from messy play, role-play, free play, they have sent pictures to their friends. We have a new routine so that we can do physical activities indoors as we are not going out to keep the risk low.

Lisa Harvey

We are open part time at the moment, just doing 3 days, for key workers. We have postponed contract commitments in these crazy times so never sure how many we're going to have each week as we've allowed parents to let us know daily / weekly.

I've sent letters to the other children with crayons and card to draw me a rainbow which we'll put up outside with the one we made last week. I added a personal note and some photos of them with their friends. Also put in play dough recipe and some ideas for parents. They have been good at sending pictures and updates on what they've been doing too.

The only difference is the day has changed, instead of having the children I go out for exercise, cleaning, cooking, keep updated the paperwork, online training and I still have time to zoom to interact with the families and children for a story and nursery rhyme, sometimes we dance , we talk about our days at home.



Arlete pontes

Some of the parents come to see me, which is very weird but cute to see the children happiness to see me, of course I stay on the 3 floor at the balcony and they stay on the ground floor.

Every week I give them activities ideas to do at home, I have sent postcards, rainbow certificates for staying at home. This are difficult times and we don't know when we will be back to work and probably I will not have some the children back and we didn't have the opportunity to say goodbye having meetings in the zoom is a plus to keep in touch with the children to try to make things more easier for the children.

Allison Finch

I am sharing a folder I have made with the children that records the changes that have happened during lockdown.

Monika Kopeic

We miss the groups and playgrounds very much but somehow we built our daily routine. The weather is great until next week so we go out every morning to our local park.

I have three children in my care now so at least they entertain each other

We have painted our thank you NHS rainbow. I hope this lockdown will finish soon!

Mandy Manley and Sue Paine have sent some photographs of pictures the children have painted and drawn whilst at home

