

Staff Headlines

21st January 2021

Reminder Northern Ireland Executive Guidance

With hospital admissions still increasing please be reminded that the current restrictions are in place until 6th February, but, will be reviewed on 21st January.

A summary guide outlining the restrictions is available at this link:

- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): a guide to the restrictions - January 2021](#)

A question and answer section on the restrictions is available on the Executive's website:

- [COVID-19 measures January 2021 - questions and answers](#)

COVID-19 NI EXECUTIVE RESTRICTIONS AND GUIDELINES - JANUARY 2021					
The following measures will be in place until 6 February (reviewed on 21 January)					
Stay at home, protect the health service and save lives	Work from home unless unable to do so	Only leave your home for essential reasons	No mixing of households in private dwellings or gardens	One bubble can be formed with one other household	No overnight stays away from your home
Outdoor gatherings limited to 6 people from a maximum of 2 households	Outdoor exercise with own household or with one person from another household	Exercise in your local area	Minimise the time you spend outside your home	Pre-school, primary and post primary schools to provide remote learning. Special schools open	Childcare open
All tourism accommodation closed	All hospitality closed	Takeaway services open until 11pm	Off sales closed at 8pm	Non-essential retail closed. Click and collect not permitted	Outdoor and indoor visitor attractions closed
Public parks and outdoor play areas open	Gyms, swimming pools, indoor sport and exercise facilities closed	Close contact services closed	Places of worship online services	Weddings and civil partnerships limited to 25 people. Receptions not allowed	Funerals limited to 25 people
Exemptions may apply. Get up-to-date advice at: nidirect.gov.uk/coronavirus					

Corporate Staff Information - EA Offices remain open on an appointment only basis

EA main headquarter buildings will remain open and the public can access the buildings on an appointment only basis. Should a member of the public need to make an appointment, they should liaise directly with the EA service they are seeking support from and arrange a meeting directly.

Meetings should only take place in designated meeting rooms which can be booked in advance by completing the booking form [here](#). EA staff from other buildings should be permitted building access with appropriate permissions in place.

In circumstances where staff in EA satellite offices can carry out their duties effectively from home and where there are no room bookings, satellite centre managers should work from home and centres should close. This is on the proviso that they remain available to open the centres at short notice.

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High Five

Primary Behaviour Support & Provisions

New High 5 Edition with Focus on Resilience

High 5 is back! As we begin a new year and another period of remote learning, this edition's focus is on resilience. Using the Take 5 Approach to Wellbeing, take a look at how to support our children and young people in building resilience in a changing world. Click [here](#) to view this edition.

Take Notice
 Being mindful can help you notice what you are feeling and what you are doing. It can help you to be more aware of your thoughts and feelings. This can help you to be more in control of your actions and to make better choices. It can also help you to be more resilient and to cope better with stress and anxiety.

Keep Learning
 Remote learning can be a challenge for all of us. Without our usual school routine and the support of our classmates and teachers, it can be difficult to stay motivated and to stay on top of your work. It can also be difficult to stay on top of your work when you are working from home. This poster provides some tips to help you stay motivated and to stay on top of your work when you are working from home.

The posters include a 'Take 5' approach to wellbeing with icons for: Reading, Snack time!, Check Online Classroom, Family Visit, School work, Lunch, Screen time, and a 'No' sign.

EA Link – Disability & Carers Staff Network



The **Disability and Carers Staff Network** aims to positively contribute towards the shaping of future EA policies in relation to Disability and Carers - whilst also working towards creating a safe, welcoming and friendly environment for all its members to communicate freely, and free of judgement and prejudice.

A short animated clip with further information on the Network can be viewed by clicking [here](#).

The Network has been very active to date, and created numerous PR materials, hosted a number of Disability and Carers fairs throughout the region, and hosted a Lunch and Learn session about the work they are currently involved in.

Any member of staff can join the Network whether they have a disability, care for someone who has a disability or are just interested in supporting people with disabilities.

If you would like to join or learn more about our Disability & Carers Staff Network we would be delighted to hear from you, please email equality.unit@eani.org.uk



Kindness is a key theme in LINK's feedback from a recent survey. As the issues surrounding disability and carer responsibilities are deeply personal and private, a little kindness goes a long way

What is a disability by definition?

A physical or mental impairment, which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on your ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.



Pre-school and Primary Admissions Update



Applying for a Pre-School or Primary School Place?
You may wish to apply at a less busy time



FIRST FEW DAYS WILL BE THE BUSIEST



BUSIEST TIME BETWEEN 7PM AND 10PM



YOU MAY BE PLACED IN A QUEUE



YOU HAVE UNTIL NOON ON 29 JAN TO APPLY

Places are not issued on a first come first served basis

The online admissions process for pre-schools and primary schools opened on Thursday 7th January at 12 noon and will remain open until 12 noon 29th January.

During the first week there were 27,000 applications processed, but, it is important to note that places are not allocated on a first come first served basis. Schools will not begin to process applications until after 29th January.

During busy periods our admissions process will operate a queueing system, so you may find that you have to wait to access the system. The busiest periods tend to be in the initial days after the admissions process opens.

For help and advice parents/ guardians can contact our Admissions Helpdesk via emails: preschooladmissions@eani.org.uk or primaryadmissions@eani.org.uk

We want to hear from you

If you have any news or stories that you would like to be considered for inclusion in an upcoming edition of Staff Headlines, please email comms@eani.org.uk

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