



Stroud Lead Practitioner Newsletter

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Welcome to the fourth Extra edition of the Stroud Lead Practitioner newsletter. During this challenging and unpredictable time, we understand how important communication between partner agencies are. To support you, we will continue to send out weekly newsletters outlining updates to services and any support available for families. **Please remember that these newsletters are for practitioners and should not be sent out automatically to families. Please share specific information as required rather than the whole newsletter. Any questions, please get in touch.**

Best wishes and stay safe.

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Cafcass has put together some guidance to support children and families as the situation surrounding COVID-19 develops. We will do everything we can to help you and make sure that our service continues to run as effectively as possible. This information will be regularly updated

Advice for families on effective co-parenting and child arrangements

On 23 March, the government published full guidance on staying at home and away from others, which clarified that where parents do not live in the same household, children under 18 can be moved between their parents' homes. For more information please see their website <https://www.cafcass.gov.uk/grown-ups/parents-and-carers/covid-19-guidance-for-children-and-families/>



Gloucestershire Bundles

They provide toiletries and clothing to families in need, from pregnancy to the age of 11. They are currently closed for donations however applications can still be made by professionals in the usual way. Professionals can find the referral form on the website.

www.gloucestershirebundles.org



Chicks have suspended all of their breaks, but have set up a CHICKS happy place on Facebook. The aim is to bring fun and games in to the homes of children who have been on a CHICKS holiday or who were planning to in 2020. Search CHICKS happy place on Facebook



Useful information can be found at the link below about support for people engaged with drug and alcohol services, and the impact that coronavirus will have on the support they can receive.

www.changegrowlive.org/advice-info/coronavirus

Community Grants and funding

A number of community foundations and other organisations have launched funding programmes to assist local organisations in responding to the coronavirus pandemic. The link below includes national funding streams and also a link to more local resources

www.grantsonline.org.uk/coronavirus.html

The link below is to a social story which may be a useful way to explain the current situation to young children or to children who have some additional needs.

https://search3.openobjects.com/mediamanager/gloucs/glosfamilies/files/covid-19_social_story.pdf



World Jungle are offering free online classes in mindfulness, pilates/yoga, dance/Zumba, drumming and they will shortly be having a kids dance and yoga session. To access these courses you will need to use Zoom. Sessions are free but donations are welcomed. For more information about the timetable please look at their website www.worldjungle.org.uk/online-classes



Stroud District council has a list of all the local support in terms of who to contact if you need shopping or medication collected. This is very localised information based on where you live. For relevant contact details please see the council website www.stroud.gov.uk/health-wellbeing/coronavirus/find-support-services-map



The Old Badger Inn in Eastington are delivering free food to elderly and vulnerable people in the area. Orders need to be placed on the Monday or Thursday and food will be delivered on the Tuesday and Friday. For more information contact 01453 822892 or check out their Facebook page

Some things to do if parents are stuck on ideas!



COVID 19 Time Capsule An opportunity for children to record things about them during the current pandemic www.glofamiliesdirectory.org/kb5/gloucs/glofamilies/advice.page?id=8foW0O59P28



Set your child or yourself a daily art challenge, find on Instagram at #artfuldailychallenge



Have Released today: a free information book explaining the coronavirus to children, illustrated by Gruffalo illustrator Axel Scheffler
<https://nosycrow.com/blog/released-today-free-information-book-explaining-coronavirus-children-illustrated-gruffalo-illustrator-axel-scheffler/>

