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Parenting newsletter April 2020



Welcome

Welcome to the [Parenting across Scotland](#) (PAS) newsletter. The Coronavirus crisis and lockdown has changed life beyond recognition for all of us, creating huge

difficulties for families and those who support them. This newsletter pulls together some of the key information for practitioners working with families in this rapidly changing environment.

New Parenting across Scotland Coronavirus website pages.

We have updated the Info for Families section of our website with information on the Coronavirus. The pages cover [Official health guidance - what families need to know](#); [Work and benefits](#); [Staying at home](#); [Play and learning at home](#) [Looking after yourself and your family](#); and [What's happening in your local area](#).

The web pages give information on where to go for advice (whether it's health, work or benefits); resources for play and learning at home; tips about keeping in touch with friends and family; and looking after your mental health.

Additional resources for practitioners

ParentClub

The Scottish Government is using [ParentClub](#) as a means of conveying Coronavirus information to parents and carers.

It has also produced a toolkit to serve as a digital bank for a wide range of partners who engage with families and children across Scotland and need easy access to key messages, content and resources to support their efforts at this time.

It contains a number of different Parent Club campaigns including Social Distancing and the First Minister's Q&A film with children.

Families and the Coronavirus survey

PAS is talking to Scottish Government about how families are being affected by the Coronavirus and what help they need. [Please fill in our survey here](#) to let us know what families need.

New Scottish Government guidance for practitioners

The Coronavirus has meant that the Scottish Government has needed to issue a wide range of new guidance for all sectors. There is new guidance for the general public, for education and those working with children, for healthcare workers and for housing. All the new guidance can be found on the [Scottish Government's Coronavirus hub](#).

ELC announcement

Because of the impact of the Coronavirus outbreak, the Scottish Government will no longer be able to meet its commitment to providing 1140 hours of [Early Learning and Childcare for all three and four year olds](#).

Aberlour Urgent Assistance Fund

The Coronavirus outbreak and the lockdown has hit everybody hard but for families living in poverty and those who were previously just managing, it has been disastrous. [Aberlour's Urgent Assistance Fund](#) is helping families in need; find out more about the fund and how to make an application.

Social Work and the Pandemic

A number of social work academics have come together to found a [new free magazine](#), Social Work 2020 under Covid 19, which will run during the Coronavirus crisis.

New Working Families Coronavirus report: Weathering the Storm

Calls to the Working Families helpline have quadrupled during the Coronavirus crisis. Using information from the helpline calls, Working Families has produced a new report, [Weathering the Storm](#), looking at the impact of the pandemic on families employment.

Children and the Coronavirus survey

The Children's Parliament has [launched a survey](#) to see how the Coronavirus is affecting children.

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