



Children in Wales

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Introduction

To keep our members up to date with the ever changing circumstances, our members' e-briefing will now be released twice a week rather than weekly. Through this we hope to distribute relevant updates on the impact of Covid-19, as well as other relevant news.

Children in Wales News

In accordance with Government and PHW advice, all Children in Wales staff are working from home until further notice and the offices in Cardiff and Bangor are closed. However, we are still working. Find out more, and how to contact us [here](#).

Useful Links

[A daily statement](#) by Public Health Wales on the Covid-19 outbreak can be found on their website. They have also released a number of useful resources and guidance that can be found here:

<https://phw.nhs.wales/topics/latest-information-on-novel-coronavirus-covid-19/>

Welsh Government have a dedicated webpage for advice, news and resources on the Covid-19 outbreak that can be found here: <https://gov.wales/coronavirus>

The Children's Commissioner for Wales website now has an information hub for information and advice and can be found here: <https://www.childcomwales.org.uk/coronavirus/>

NHS Direct have launched an online symptom checker that can be found on their website: <https://www.nhsdirect.wales.nhs.uk/SelfAssessments/symptomcheckers/>

Welsh Government Updates

[Guidance from the Welsh Government](#): Support for the third sector and charities during the disruption caused by Covid-19

[Written statement from Rebecca Evans, Minister for Finance and Trefnydd and Ken Skates, Minister for Economy, Transport and North Wales](#): Response to COVID-19 Economic crisis

[Stament from Kirsty Williams, Minister for Education](#): The latest advice on access to schools

Mental Well-being Updates

[Children can visit separated parents during restrictions](#): Children of parents who are separated are able to move between households during the coronavirus restrictions, minister Michael Gove has said.

NSPCC have released an updated guide on [how to have difficult conversations with children](#).

[How teenagers can protect their mental health during coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) – A guide from UNICEF

Voices From Care Cymru's [virtual engagement plan for care experienced children and young people during the COVID-19 disruptions](#).

Mental Well-being Updates (cont.)

[Best exercise classes on Zoom, Instagram and YouTube](#) - Several organisations have set up online workout classes that people can join from their comfort of their home, so that they can maintain their fitness and stay connected to the fitness community. From dance to PE lessons for children, here are some of the best options around.

Health Updates

WHO launch new campaign with FIFA to assist “kick out the coronavirus” - [Pass the message: Five steps to kicking out coronavirus](#)

[Ensuring continuity of TB services, and other diseases and health conditions during the COVID-19 pandemic](#)

[Guidance on shielding and protecting people defined on medical grounds as extremely vulnerable from Covid-19](#) – Gov.UK

Education Updates

At least 30,000 Welsh school leavers are in limbo, having finished school months earlier than planned with no open days or career fairs to attend. [miFuture app](#) bridges the gap and brings local jobs, courses, apprentice and volunteering opportunities direct to school leavers hands. [miFuture app are rallying organisations to start providing offers for Summer and September, now.](#)

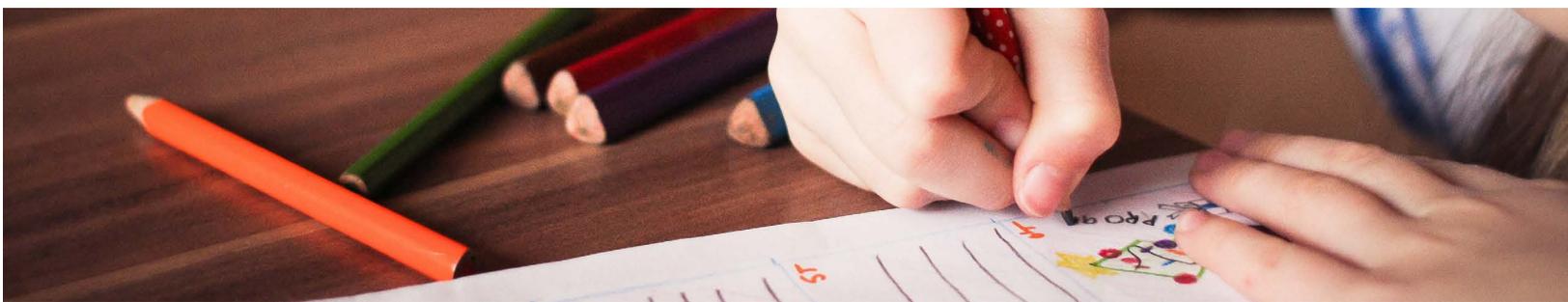
[What you need to know about access to schools and childcare during the Covid-19 pandemic.](#)

Undertaking remote teaching safely – [advice from the NSPCC](#) as they look at how they can best support people working with children during this difficult time and continuing on going discussions with the government to ensure that all children are kept safe whether at school or in the community.

[5 things you need to know before sending your children to school or childcare](#)

[Qualification Wales:](#) Some frequently asked questions following the closure of schools and the cancellation of summer exams

Distance learning can be delivered through a range of **the Hwb tools**. These tools will allow teachers and learners with suitable internet connected devices to continue their classroom activities outside of school as required.



Finance Updates

[Coronavirus – if your employer has told you not to work.](#) Advice from Citizens Advice.

Other Updates

The ‘Child sexual abuse prevention – It’s time we talked about it’ campaign. The [‘Child sexual abuse prevention – It’s time we talked about it’](#) campaign is now running all over Wales.