
16th April 2020

For the information of Children, Parents, Carers

Last week we wrote to you advising that all West Sussex County Council Child Employment Licences were suspended based on advice from the Department for Education. However, we and the Department for Education have since been approached by newspaper distributors with a request to review the decision for those delivering newspapers. They drew attention to the value of newspaper delivery as a 'key activity' – referring to the benefits to the community, especially the vulnerable and isolated, of receiving daily newspapers and the removal of risk from having to travel to obtain a newspaper where delivery through other means is not available.

The County Council has therefore given this due consideration and has partially lifted the suspension for those undertaking this activity. We have written to those employers we have recorded as being in receipt of a Child Employment Licence for a specified child in the last three years. We have advised that they must reconsider the risk assessment for this activity and any potential exposure to the disease, which pays attention to all of the government's social distancing and hygiene measures. However, you will need to satisfy yourselves that the risk assessment put in place by your child's employer fully reflects the current situation and protects your child from harm or potential harm.

You will also need to pay attention to your own unique family circumstances and whether the daily activity of your child's work will place your family at any greater risk, for example should there be a family member who is shielded or perhaps particularly vulnerable to the disease.

We will continue to follow government guidance and keep the situation under constant review.

Should you have any queries in regard to this, please contact the Child Employment Team by emailing:
CYPSCChildEmploymentEntertainmentTeam@westsussex.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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