



## **COVID-19 UPDATE**

Hi all,

We hope that you and your family are keeping well and safe.

Covid-19 has had an impact on the way Sure Start South Armagh services have been able to run, but we want to let you know that we are still very much here and able to support all our families, in any way we can.

In line with the current guidance from the Public Health Agency, Department of Health, Department of Education and the Southern Health and Social Care Trust, we are adapting our services for families to help reduce transmission of Covid 19.

Some of the changes include:

Staff are involved in a lateral flow testing scheme.

Staff will contact you prior to a home visit to review a few simple questions regarding Covid 19.

Our staff will be wearing appropriate personal protective equipment both during programmes and our home visiting service. This may include, face masks, visors, goggles, aprons and gloves, depending on the nature of the service.

For our families who are attending face to face programmes, we have developed a quick and simple online Covid 19 questionnaire that you will be asked to complete prior to attending.

Depending on the nature of the programme we may also ask our parents/carers to wear appropriate personal protective equipment during a face-to-face programme, for example a mask and to adhere to social distancing.

Where appropriate staff will also be checking temperatures on arrival at a venue.

Hand sanitising gel will be available at all venues.

Staff will ensure our venues are well ventilated.

We will continue to offer some programmes and services on an online platform.

Staff are happy to help with any queries you might have.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

**From all the Staff at Sure Start South Armagh**