



## **ISSUE 4, 2020**

Hi <<First Name>>

There is a now a plan in place for the early learning and care sector starting with the provision of care for children in the homes of essential healthcare workers from 18th May, overseen by DCYA. Then, by the end of June, **early childhood settings will reopen** for children of essential workers and by the end of July, settings will be open for all children. There is much discussion ahead about how settings can operate in line with government and health advice and we will keep you updated on this.

In this issue we also include information about a number of **supports developed for professionals and for families** as well as information about **Barnardos online training, mentoring support available and discounts on Barnardos publications.**

If you have any information queries that we can help you with please don't hesitate to contact us at [resources@barnardos](mailto:resources@barnardos). For daily updates [join us on Facebook](#).

All the best  
Sinéad,  
Publications Coordinator



## UPDATES FROM THE SECTOR

### Updates from DCYA

- DCYA have announced the details of their [plan for emergency measures to support essential health workers](#) who are having difficulty meeting their childcare needs. Information packs are available for ELC and SAC services with more information for parents coming next week.
- [Information on COVID-19 measures for providers and staff](#) of ELC and SAC services was updated on Thursday 7th May, giving more info on TWSCS and other supports, CPD and reopening of services.
- For daily activities to enjoy with your children and for tips for parents on supporting children with their feelings and more, check out the Government's new [First5 support page](#).

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### Heart, Body and Mind

Barnardos has developed [a set of resources and suggestions to provide families with the opportunity to check in with Heart, Body and Mind](#) regularly throughout this situation. There are lots of fun activities listed to keep children engaged, and activities that the family can do together.



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### **Free Online Classes on Stress Control**

From Monday 11th May, Dr Jim White will be live-streaming free stress control classes. [Discover more about stress control](#) and find out the [dates of all classes](#). You can watch the sessions either in the afternoon or evening.

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### **Video on Transition from Pre-school to Primary school**

The National Parents Council (NPC) have developed [a short video](#) with some information to help prepare parents and their children for the transition from pre-school to primary school.

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### **Video for Children on PPE**

A [new video](#) has been designed to help kids better understand why medical providers look a little different right now with the extra Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) they're wearing due to COVID-19.

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### **Language Packs**

More new language packs are available from Happy Talk, including [Walking in the Woods](#) and [Off the Train](#).

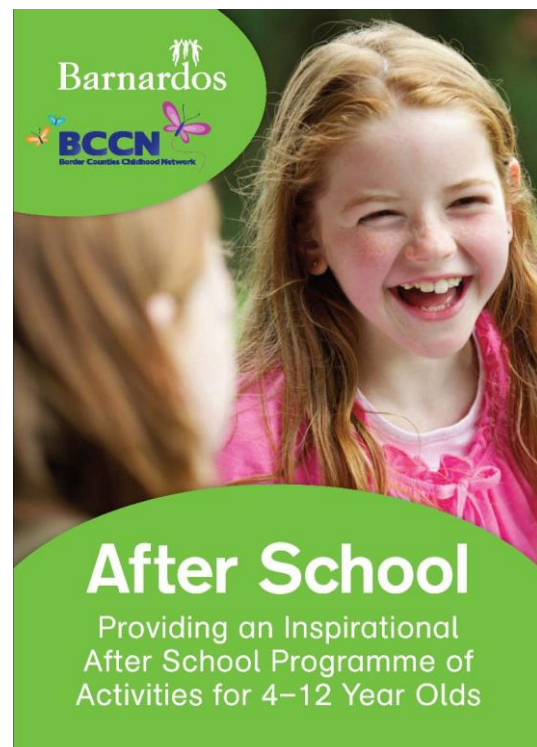
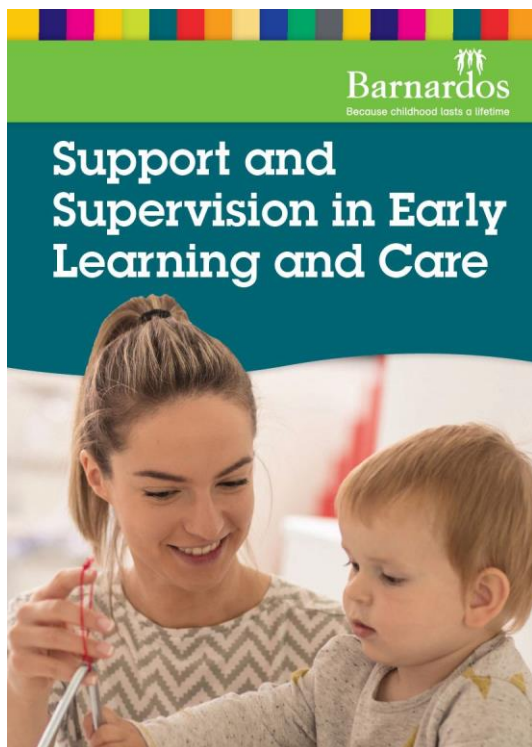
## UPDATES FROM BARNARDOS

### Supporting Professionals Through Covid-19

Barnardos is committed to supporting the ELC sector during the Covid-19 crisis through the provision of learning and development opportunities that support the enhancement of knowledge and skills and quality services to achieve positive outcomes for children and families. At [our new dedicated webpage](#) you can find out about the supports currently available for professionals and access tipsheets for working through this time.



### Barnardos Publications



### **Support and Supervision in ELC**

Our new publication [Supervision and Support in Early Learning and Care](#) is now available. This book gives guidance to settings on the development and implementation of a supervision structure to support the professional development of educators. It provides information on the benefits of supervision, the supervision process, the roles and responsibilities in supervision and some of the challenges that might arise. It also gives guidance to settings on developing the supervision policy.

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### **Publications Discount**

There is **15% discount on all Barnardos publications for the month of May** covering topics such as behaviour, environments, speech and language development, literacy and numeracy, the arts, social media use and more. Enter the code **PUBLICATIONS15** [at the checkout](#).

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### **Free eBooks**

All of our [free ebooks](#) for professionals and for parents on topics including the key person approach, bereavement, outdoor play and the arts among others are still available to download. You can also access [all back issues of the Barnardos journal ChildLinks](#).



## **Barnardos Training**

### **Webinar - An Introduction to Trauma Informed Practice**

We have two new dates for our Trauma Informed Practice webinars. [This webinar](#) is suitable for those working in early childhood care and education who are interested in learning about adverse childhood experiences and what we can do to foster children's resilience. Register now at the links below.

[20th May 2020, 10am to 12pm](#)

[28th May 2020 10am to 12pm](#)

### **Webinar - Introduction to Infant Mental Health in an Early Years Setting**

This webinar is suitable for early years educators working with infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers interested in learning more about supporting children's social and emotional wellbeing. Register now at the links below.

[21st May 2020, 11am to 1pm](#)

[4th June, 10am to 12pm](#)

We will be adding more dates soon for the webinars above and for new webinars on Designated Liaison Persons and Support and Supervision in Early Learning and Care so [keep an eye on our website](#)

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### **Free Online Courses and Webinars from Barnardos**

Our **free webinar on the Key Person Approach** on 14th May is now full but we hope to run this again soon. Details coming soon.

Our free elearning course [An Introduction to Learning Environments](#) is still available. This **free online course** is filled with practical examples, grounded in theory, to help you shape the early years environment to support a tapestry of rich experiences for children. **Please note that this course is for information only and there is no certificate awarded.**

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### **Survey of Training Needs**

We have had a great response to [our short survey about Barnardos webinars](#) and topics you would like to see more of over the coming weeks. Help us design training programmes to suit your needs in the future by completing our 2 min [survey](#)



## Barnardos Information and Library

### Barnardos Online Research Package

With so many of us working from home, we have devised a package of high quality content for all professionals with an interest in families, social work, sociology or early years education to access from home (or anywhere else). This new [Online Research Package](#) provides access to two large research databases and an eBook collection. For only €30 you can get one year's access to [SocINDEX with Full Text](#), [Education Research Complete](#) and our [eBook Collection with](#) thousands of articles, reports, reviews, conference papers, books and book chapters.

Some articles that are available through the database *Education Research Complete* on the topical subject of the home learning environment include:

- [Detailing the digital experience: Parent reports of children's media use in the home learning environment.](#)
- [Parents supporting learning: a non-intensive intervention supporting literacy and numeracy in the home learning environment.](#)
- [Fathers' and mothers' home learning environments and children's early academic outcomes.](#)

- [Barriers to Parent-Child Book Reading in Early Childhood.](#)

### Discount on Library Membership

For those of you who prefer the printed word we have discount of 20% available to those who take out individual membership during May for the reduced price of €48 (normally €60) for 1 year. This package includes access to

- 1 years access The Online Research Package - commencing on date of purchase
- Free post out of print books from our physical library – 1 year's membership commencing on the day our physical library reopens
- Complimentary hard copies of the Barnardos Journal *Childlinks*
- 10% discount on all Barnardos publications

Sign up [here](#) and use the discount code **MAY2020** at checkout



### Barnardos Mentoring Support

Our team of Regional Development Workers are still available to provide **information and resources, and to facilitate Aistear and Síolta mentoring sessions in whatever way that suits you.** We can assist in

relation to a specific issue or for an extended period, depending on your requirement. To enquire further please contact [sharon.byrne@barnardos.ie](mailto:sharon.byrne@barnardos.ie) or call 086 4651696.



## Big Toddle for Barnardos 2020!

The **Big Toddle for Barnardos** is [a fun sponsored walk for toddlers](#) where children themselves have the opportunity to help create positive change for disadvantaged children in Ireland. After 17 years we've had to adjust how we run our biggest annual fundraiser for children. [This year we are running the Toddle through Facebook](#). Just [sign up to the group](#) and register for your pack. There's only 3000 packs, so sign up quick!

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# COVID -19 Crisis Parent Supportline



**1800 910 123**

Open to all parents  
who need  
extra support at this time

**10am – 2pm Monday – Friday**

[www.barnardos.ie](http://www.barnardos.ie)

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