

New Frequently Asked Questions

Week commencing 10.8.2020

For Early Years and Childcare Providers

Parent Q: I have returned from a recent family holiday and I believe I am in the exempt category regarding self-isolation when returning from countries where isolation is required, on return to the UK. I wish my child to attend a setting.

Setting Q: I have a family who have returned from a holiday in a country where self-isolation is required on return to the UK. The parents fall into the category of exemption from self-isolation and wish their child to attend my setting?

Answer for both: Government guidance states “A small proportion of people travelling to the UK to maintain essential supply chains, critical national infrastructure or to contribute to crisis response or other essential government work will not need to self-isolate and some will not need to complete the ‘public health passenger locator form’. Guidance also states that those returning from abroad who are required to self-isolate “cannot go out to work or school or visit public areas”.

It is our understanding therefore that exemption from self-isolation relates only to those travelling to undertake work, not those travelling for the purpose of family holidays. It is also our understanding that children should not be attending settings or schools, having returned from countries where self-isolation on return is a requirement.