

COVID-19 (Corona Virus) Statement

Investing in Children CiC is keeping up to date with current Government guidance in order to keep everyone safe at all times. Please continue to keep updated and check our information published on our website and social media platforms.

Coronaviruses can be spread when people with the virus have close, sustained contact with people who are not infected. This typically means spending more than 15 minutes within two metres of an infected person.

From the 20th March 2020 it has been agreed that the majority of our face to face meetings will cease until further notice - we will offer young people who attend our groups a virtual space to meet. Individual project workers will liaise with young people on how best to co-ordinate this. The YASC will continue to run on a Monday night at the PCP in Newton Aycliffe and on a Tuesday night at Waddington Street in Durham, as both venues will remain open at this point in time. If you have any underlying health conditions we urge you not to attend the group, if you do so it is at your own risk. We will keep you informed if anything changes.

On 16th March 2020, The Prime Minister outlined measures to be implemented to delay transmission across communities and keep people safe, including:

The general population is advised to:

- Stop non-essential contact with others and to stop all unnecessary travel;
- Avoid social gatherings (big or small) and
- Avoid pubs, clubs, theatres and other such social venues.

Vulnerable Groups are determined to be:

- People over 70 years old;
- People with serious chronic condition; and
- Pregnant women.

Government advice for people in the above categories is to take care and avoid non-essential contact for a period of 12 weeks.

Full guidance can be found:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults>