

## Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service

**Notice:** School age provision in response to COVID-19  
**To:** Essex Schools – Heads, SENCOs and Healthcare Liaison Officers  
**From:** Zoe Oddy, Mid Essex Quadrant Manager and School Age Lead  
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The closure of schools, except to children and young people of keyworkers, may mean that children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) or other vulnerabilities may not be receiving all the support they need in their home environment. Notwithstanding the government directive to minimise social contact in our effort to curtail the response to COVID-19, we wish to share our provision for school age children.

Each school in Essex is served by a multidisciplinary Healthy Family Team. For the avoidance of doubt, our School Nurses, Family Wellbeing Nurses and School Age Support Workers remain on duty and accessible.

**Virtual drop-ins:** Face-to-face contacts have been replaced by telephone consultations. ECFWS continue to provide this service to ‘known’ children and young people. Schools are urged to refer children who they are worried about.

**Do not hesitate to call us on:**

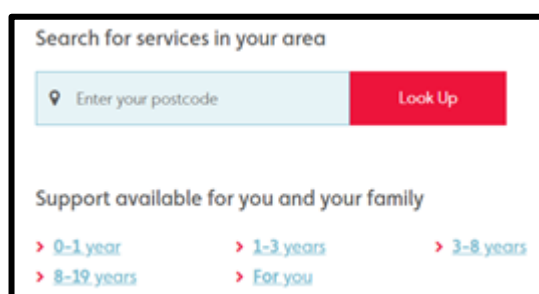
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North Essex Tel:	0300 247 0015
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West Essex Tel:	0300 247 0122

**CHAT Health:** Our texting service remains active and is well resources with highly skilled School Nurses

Mid Essex School Nursing Service	07520 615731
South Essex School Nursing Service	07520 615732
West Essex School Nursing Service	07520 615733
North East Essex School Nursing Service	07520 615734

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[www.essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk](http://www.essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk)



Local Facebook pages can be accessed via our website, which offer useful contacts and information so support families with home education and to manage childrens’ emotional health during this difficult time.