

## INFORMATION ABOUT 'CHILDCARE BUBBLES' FOR PARENTS

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If you live in a household with anyone aged under 14, you can form a 'childcare bubble'. This allows friends or family from one other household to provide informal childcare.

### What a childcare bubble is

A childcare bubble is where one household links with one other household to provide informal childcare to anyone under 14. All adults in both households must agree to this arrangement.

'Informal' childcare means it is unpaid and unregistered.

Members of either household can provide childcare in a home or public place. This includes overnight care.

You can only have one childcare bubble with one other household. This means no household should be part of more than one childcare bubble.

You can only use a childcare bubble for childcare. You cannot use a childcare bubble to mix with another household for other reasons.

If you form a childcare bubble, it's best if this is with a household who live locally. This will help prevent the virus spreading from an area where more people are infected.

### How childcare bubbles relate to support bubbles

A childcare bubble is different to a [support bubble](#). Being in a childcare bubble does not stop you from forming a support bubble [if you are eligible](#).

You must avoid seeing members of your childcare and support bubbles at the same time.

### Changing a childcare bubble

You may change your childcare bubble provided that:

- at least one person in the proposed new childcare bubble is under the age of 14
- neither household is part of a separate childcare bubble which they intend to remain a part of

If you decide to change your childcare bubble, you should treat your previous bubble as a separate household for 10 days before forming a new bubble. You should not provide childcare as if you are in a bubble during this period.

If someone in your previous childcare bubble develops symptoms or tests positive for coronavirus up to 48 hours after members of the bubble last met, all members of the bubble must [self-isolate for 10 days](#). You must not form a new bubble until you have completed your self-isolation.

### If your child lives in more than one location

You can mix indoors where necessary with the other parent to allow your child to move between homes.

A child moving between 2 parents who live separately is not counted as a childcare bubble. This means both you and the other parent can also form a childcare bubble with one other household.