



Coronavirus update from Somerset County Council 22.6.2020

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Top stories today:



Birth registrations make a phased return

Birth registrations are making a phased return in Somerset and North Somerset from today (Monday 22 June) following the gradual easing of coronavirus restrictions.

The service, run by Somerset County Council, had to be put on hold in March at the start of the nationwide pandemic lockdown due to Government instructions.

But now parents can book appointments to register the birth of babies born

before 31 March 2020.

People can book appointments in Taunton for births that took place in Somerset, and in Weston-super-Mare for births in North Somerset and Bristol, providing the parent(s) is a North Somerset resident.

The number of appointments will be limited at first as safety measures must be put in place in buildings to protect the public and members of the registration service staff.

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We've got it covered – boost for Somerset pupils' great outdoor lessons

Children back in education in Somerset are enjoying an innovative and rewarding outdoor curriculum with a little help from our friends.

Working with Somerset County Council, local residents, charities, businesses and partners pulled together brilliantly to help staff deliver outdoor lessons whatever the great British weather by providing gazebos and expertise.

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Somerset Language Connect supports learners of English

Somerset Language Connect is a new project aimed at bringing together learners from minority ethnic communities across Somerset, who would like to improve their conversational English, with learning partners who aim to support them. The scheme is completely free of charge and is run by Somerset Diverse Communities, a part of CCS, and is supported by the Somerset Coronavirus Response and Recovery Fund.

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Furlough Rules changing from 1 July

The first time you will be able to make claims for days in July will be 1 July. From this date employers can bring furloughed employees back to work for any amount of time and any work pattern, while still being able to claim the grant for the hours not worked. However, only employees who have successfully claimed a previous grant for will be eligible for more grants under the scheme. This means they must have previously been furloughed for at least three consecutive weeks taking place any time between 1 March and 30 June 2020.

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Dairy response fund opens for applications

The dairy response fund has opened for applications from eligible dairy farmers in England in need of support following the coronavirus outbreak. The deadline for applications will be 14 August.

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