

# FOR ECD CENTRES

## During COVID-19

# FAQs

## Part 2

*We, at the Centre for Early Childhood Development, have received countless questions regarding the opening of ECD centres. We are concerned that centres may be misinterpreting government directives and so we wrote to the Department of Social Development and the Department of Basic Education to get guidelines directly from them, to distribute to ECD centres in the province, and across South Africa. This is directly from government officials at the Department of Social Development, and the Department of Basic Education in the Western Cape.*

### **1. Are Grade R classes at ECD centres not allowed to operate at all?**

If an ECD facility is registered with the Department of Social Development as an ECD partial care facility (even if it has a grade R class registered with the WCED), it means the facility must remain closed until further communication from the Department of Social Development. If the facility is not registered with DSD then it is operating illegally and must apply for registration.

### **2. Is it only Grade R classes that are part of primary schools that are allowed to go back on the 6th of July?**

Yes.

### **3. Are day mothers allowed to operate?**

Day mothers are not regulated by the Department of Social Development, or by the Department of Basic Education. *They are private individuals, as and such are regulated by the standard Covid-19 regulations for individuals.*



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