**The Sutton Trust has published its latest coronavirus impact brief looking at the effects of the crisis on the early years sector. The research shows that:**

* Many nurseries – particularly those in disadvantaged areas - are facing permanent closures due to financial difficulties exacerbated by the crisis.
* Parents are worried about the impact of lockdown on young children’s social and emotional development.

The Trust is calling for government to introduce a package of financial assistance – worth £88m – for the early years sector, in line with the support announced for schools in June. Follow this link if you would like to [Read more](https://penetwork.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c1e5a98dd50d431ad8d534430&id=f980c6af5b&e=16563e0acd).

**Our lovely friends** at Parentkind are asking parents across England, Wales and Northern Ireland to tell us their views on the last few month’s experiences of supporting their child’s schooling and plans for schools reopening. Their last survey in May had 257,000-plus parents responding about the impact of coronavirus and school closures on families with school-aged children. Such an amazingly high level of response saw the results mentioned on the main BBC news and gain wide media traction. Pushing parent voice to the top of the news agenda enabled Parentkind to share parent views with education policymakers in three of the UK's governments. It is essential that parents remain part of the national conversation on education; the more responses they receive, the louder parent’s voices will be heard.
With this survey, they especially want to find out:

* How parents feel their government has handled the crisis
* What parent concerns remain as their child’s school prepares to welcome back more pupils.

Please share this link to the survey with your parents to let them have their say: [https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/Parentkind/](https://penetwork.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c1e5a98dd50d431ad8d534430&id=85253e3772&e=16563e0acd)
Parents and carers of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) should complete this survey -  [https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/SENDParentkind/](https://penetwork.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c1e5a98dd50d431ad8d534430&id=d8b45546c1&e=16563e0acd)

kind regards,

The PEN team