



Ormiston Families' Coronavirus Crisis Response (updated 6 January 2021)

Supporting families in need during the Covid-19 pandemic

These continue to be unprecedented times for all of us. Our daily lives have changed in dramatic ways and at a speed that few of us have experienced before. However, for the people Ormiston Families works with, the consequences of life under lockdown continues to be devastating. It is important to us that all these children, young people and families receive the support they need during this incredibly difficult and unpredictable time.

Many of the children we work with are experiencing heightened anxiety and mental health issues. Some are no longer able to visit a parent in prison. Others are experiencing increased mental health problems and loneliness now that they are unable to go to school. For so many children, school is their place of safety. For some it's a temporary respite from abuse at home. Women who have had a child taken into care particularly rely on us now, as they are already having to cope with feelings of loss and trauma. Some young women, with a history of chaotic childhoods and unhealthy relationships, now find themselves isolating with people who do not make them feel safe and need us more than ever.

Our vision is safe, healthy and resilient families. Our practitioners are continuing to work hard to transform the way we deliver support; ensuring what we do has the greatest impact on the people who need us. This includes speaking with them on the phone and through safe online platforms wherever we can. But, like many others, we are already seeing the damaging effect of the coronavirus on our fundraising income through the cancellation of our fundraising events and a drop in revenue from other voluntary income streams. We urgently need to replace this income so we can continue to provide the vital support for those who need us. We are committed to showing the continued need for our work, sharing how our charity is adapting, and most importantly, providing our valuable supporters with positive stories of our work during the pandemic and beyond.

But this is something we cannot do alone. Please consider making [a donation](#) to ensure we can continue to be there for those that need us now and in the future.

Your kindness will ensure that we can support these families to bounce back from the challenges this crisis presents and to see a brighter future.

Just £5 per month can transform the lives of children, young people and families in your community who need us the most.

Thank you.