



My name is Shauna and I am the Children & Young People's Worker for Salford at Early Break

Wow, where do I start?! I think its fair to say the past month or so has been a big world wind for all!

I am a brand new and shiny (not too sure about the shiny) member of staff. I was excited to start a new adventure at Early Break, to develop both professionally and personally, I don't think I could of ever imagined how my first month would turn out! As I came to the end of my induction, I was ready to get going and start my role. The outbreak of the COVID 19 has created uncertainty for all, its fair to say I was extremely worried due to being a new starter – thoughts such as am I going to have a job crossed my mind.

Thankfully, Early Break has done an amazing job to adapt in these difficult circumstances and the support I've received and how welcome I've felt, not only throughout my induction period but to right now sat in my living room typing this.

This has allowed me to reflect and be filled with great gratitude as I know lots of people are sadly facing extremely difficult times with job losses and financial struggles imminent. I'm sure we have all felt powerless in the current circumstances but I've found a great sense of pride to be able to offer support to the families and clients we work with professionally but also to able to offer support personally by doing my bit to keep people safe – staying home and staying safe.