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Dear Parents,

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Update #6 – School Closure – Child Care at Robertswood

There was a late update from government on the issue of maintaining schools as venues for emergency child care as the advice stresses the importance of keeping children at home wherever possible and away from larger gatherings. I'm writing to parents to ascertain the needs of child care for the next two weeks of the term. There may well be additional child care offered during the Easter holiday at another local school hub and the LEA are looking into this but, for the moment, this relates to term-time only provision.

I'm inviting a response from families who fall into the category of 'critical sectors' (see below) where child care is not available. I would like to extend the offer to working families who don't appear on the list below but have no other alternative childcare, especially, if the child care option means *relying on those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category such as grandparents, friends, or family members with underlying conditions.*

I will also be writing separately to families of specific children who would be considered part of the vulnerable group announced earlier this week. For example, children with Education Health Care Plans.

The offer of childcare for working families is open to families that are not currently 'self-isolating' or have taken the decision to 'socially shield' themselves as a protective measure for other members of the family.

If you would like a place at Robertswood over the next couple of weeks, please let the office know by telephone or email including the days attending up until and including 27th March. A packed lunch will be available each day (limited options) - free of charge - and children will not need to wear uniform. The breakfast and after school club will be running normally if families require additional extended care.

During the next couple weeks, we will be committed to providing a venue that supports the community, so I will also be asking families eligible to receive free meals if they would like to receive a packed lunch and provide support to families in general with learning at home, especially, when it comes to distributing resources especially if families are unable to collect because the family are under 'self-isolation' or taking 'social shielding' measures.

In the meantime, please let us know your child care requirements over the next couple of weeks and any requests for activity packs from Nursery or Reception classes and any squared books and lined books that you may require if you didn't receive them on Thursday or by the end of today.

Kind regards,



The critical sectors are listed as;

Health and social care

This includes but is not limited to doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

Education and childcare

This includes nursery and teaching staff, social workers and those specialist education professionals who must remain active during the COVID-19 response to deliver this approach.

Key public services

This includes those essential to the running of the justice system, religious staff, charities and workers delivering key frontline services, those responsible for the management of the deceased, and journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting.

Local and national government

This only includes those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the COVID-19 response or delivering essential public services such as the payment of benefits, including in government agencies and arm's length bodies.

Food and other necessary goods

This includes those involved in food production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines).

Public safety and national security

This includes police and support staff, Ministry of Defence civilians, contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the COVID-19 pandemic), fire and rescue service employees (including support staff), National Crime Agency staff, those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas.

Transport

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the COVID-19 response, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass.