



27th March 2020

Arrangements for Holiday Childcare of CRITICAL WORKERS

Dear Parents/Carers,

You will be aware that the school will be closed for the Easter break. Devon County Council have a list of providers who will be offering childcare for Critical workers during the Easter break, as follows.

'Please note that the schools and other providers listed will be supporting the children of critical workers who are on roll at the named school. If your child's school is not open, other schools in the area will do their best to support critical workers, but this must be by prior arrangement.

The link can be found within the main schools Covid 19 update page:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/schools/school-closures/latest-school-opening-details-for-easter-2020/>

Parents are reminded that childcare should only be accessed where it is essential and where there are no other childcare alternatives available, in order to ensure that any travel to childcare providers is essential.

The government is clear in its guidance:-

- **If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading**
- **Providers are asked to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend**
- **The fewer the children in settings the lower the risk the virus can spread**
- **Many parents working in the sectors above may be able to ensure that their child is kept at home, and every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.**

Who can access child care provision offered by the Local Authority?

- **Health & Social Care** – Doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, other frontline health and social care staff and other staff supporting and maintaining the health and social care sector
- **Education & Childcare** – Teaching and Nursery Staff, social workers
- **Key Public Services** – Including those essential to running of the justice system, charities, management of the deceased, public service broadcasters
- **Local and National Government** – Only those occupations essential to the effective delivery of COVID-19 response
- **Food & Other Necessary Goods** – Those involved in food production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery
- **Public Safety & National Security** – Including police and support staff, armed forces personnel, fire and rescue service employees
- **Transport** – Including those who will keep the air, water, road and rail transport operating
- **Utilities** – Including those working in essential utilities and financial services sector

As previously stated as we approach the return to school on 14th April, we will be reviewing our childcare arrangements for Critical Workers in line with Government and LA guidance.

Yours sincerely

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