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Dear Parents

Easter Holiday Care for Children of Key Workers (Reception – Year 13)

In response to the Secretary of State for Education's announcements on Wednesday and again this morning, for the benefit of our community we have now decided to keep open the Nursery Holiday Club through the Easter Holiday. The Holiday Club will run as per the normal structure, though for these three weeks it will be in the Casson building due to pre-planned decorating works in the Lodge.

Additionally, we will be opening up St Andrew's and providing a free childcare service for pupils up to Year 13 from St Andrew's Prep/Eastbourne College. It will operate between 8am and 5pm Monday to Friday throughout the break. At this stage, we envisage this continuing up to and including Friday 10 April. The summer term is due to start (in some form or another) on Tuesday 14 April as per the published dates and as we get closer we can be more specific with what next term will look like.

The Holiday Club and the childcare service are intended for parents who are the 'key workers' that keep society functioning. The list of key worker categories was published by the Cabinet Office today and is below.

If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading. That is why the government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open **only for those children who absolutely need to attend.**

It is important to underline that schools, colleges and other educational establishments remain safe places for children. But the fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society.

The childcare service that we offer will be operated by a skeleton staff of volunteer teachers and support personnel from St Andrew's Prep and Eastbourne College. There will be a variety of things that the children can do including use of the library, the computer rooms, classrooms, the sports hall, pavilion and fields. Please note that this will not be as organised as a regular activity camp but there will be age-appropriate supervision and guidance.



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We will have catering facilities available. We intend to provide lunch and an afternoon snack but children should arrive having had breakfast and perhaps armed with a morning snack (nut free).

If you think you are (or ought to be) eligible and need to take advantage of this childcare service then please fill in the very simple questionnaire:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=C4bZO3645kmlcWktJDcLTSfnEnbAVw9AmMya-F-QpbZUM0JCUIFWT1ILUEIRUjOwNkhJREFOMFpBSi4u>

As schools, we are committed to supporting our community through this difficult time and, once again, we would like to thank you for your understanding of the changing situation.

Yours sincerely

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Headmaster, St Andrew's Prep

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Government list of Key Workers

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.

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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 arms-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.

Utilities, communication and financial services

This includes staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure), the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage), information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the COVID-19 response, as well as key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services), postal services and delivery, payments providers and waste disposal sectors.