**Critical Childcare - January 2021**

**Guidance**

Schools and Early Learning and Childcare establishments (ELCs) will provide childcare for Key Workers. This will be available from 07.01.21 between 09:00 and 15:00 hours.

Places are prioritised and linked to the Key Worker criteria as defined by the Scottish Government:

* Health and Care workers directly supporting COVID response, and associated staff; Health and Care workers supporting life threatening emergency work, as well as critical primary and community care provision; Energy suppliers (small numbers identified as top priority already); staff providing childcare/learning .
* All other Health and Care workers, and wider public sector workers providing emergency/critical welfare services (for example: fire, police, prisons, social workers), as well as those supporting our Critical National Infrastructure, without whom serious damage to the welfare of the people of Scotland could be caused.
* All workers (private, public or third sector) without whom there could be a significant impact on Scotland (but where the response to COVID-19, or the ability to perform essential tasks to keep the country running, would not be severely compromised).

Please note that:

* both parents must be keyworkers;
* keyworkers who are able to work from home are unlikely to be eligible;
* children should attend only when there are no alternative childcare arrangements.
* you may be asked to provide supporting information from your employer before a place is offered.

If you require critical childcare and meet the criteria outlined above please complete the attached application form. Please note that separate applications should be submitted if your children attend different schools / ELCs.

**APPLICATION FORM**

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|  **Contact details** |
| **Name** |  |
| **Telephone** |  |
| **Email** |  |
| **Address** |  |
| **Are all household parents classified as keyworkers?**

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| Yes |[ ]  No |[ ]

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|  **Parent 1 key worker details, should we need to verify your employment** |
| **Occupation / job title** |  |
| **Name of employer** |  |
| **Employer address** |  |
| **Employer postcode** |  |
| **Employer telephone** |  |
|  **Parent 2 key worker details, should we need to verify your employment** |
| **Occupation / job title** |  |
| **Name of employer** |  |
| **Employer address** |  |
| **Employer postcode** |  |
| **Employer telephone** |  |
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| **Home working** |
| **Are you, or parent 2, working from home in response to COVID-19?** | Choose an item. |

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| **Children requiring care (child 1)** |
| **Child’s name** |  |
| **Date of birth** |  |
| **Children requiring care (child 2)** |
| **Child’s name** |  |
| **Date of birth** |  |
| **Children requiring care (child 3)** |
| **Child’s name** |  |
| **Date of birth** |  |
| **Children requiring care (child 4)** |
| **Child’s name** |  |
| **Date of birth** |  |

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