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Dear Parent / Carer

You will be aware of the announcement to close schools this Friday. We are very conscious of the impact this will undoubtedly have on families. We want to do what we can to support you and are currently exploring the possibility of providing child care during the school day (9am to 3pm) in a number of schools and early years centres across Renfrewshire for those who work in emergency and essential services. Unfortunately, it will not be possible for us to provide home to school transport to primary school locations, but we do hope to be able to provide transport for secondary and additional support needs schools, there will also be lunch for those attending.

Following further guidance from Scottish Government, we want to identify how many parents/carers would wish to use this facility. In the first phase, we would ask any parents/carers in the following categories who wish to take up this offer to register their interest via this link <https://arcg.is/1vGr1r> or you can contact us on: 0141 6187194 to provide us with details.

Key workers are identified as:

- All NHS and social care and associated staff supporting COVID-19 response;
- NHS and social care workers supporting life threatening emergency work and critical primary and community care provision;
- Essential staff working for energy suppliers; and
- All other NHS and social care workers and the wider public sector workers providing emergency and critical welfare services (Fire, Police, Prisons, Social Workers, Residential care).

We would also extend this offer to any staff supporting the provision of this service.

If we can extend this offer, we will send updates through our usual school channels. I would also ask if you can, to follow @RenCouncil on Twitter and we will keep our website [www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/coronavirus) updated with the latest information.

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Once we have collated all these requests we will provide you with further details and arrangements for your children. We understand this is a concerning time for many and we are working as hard as we can to minimise the impact on families and those most in need. Thank you for your continued patience and support.

Yours sincerely

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