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**Key Worker Emergency Childcare Notice**

Dear Parent

Following the government's request, I am proud that every Empower Trust school has offered emergency childcare places for those key workers, including *NHS* workers, who have no other available child care options in the front line of the country's fight against Covid-19.

It is important to stress that the government's key message remains:

- **If you are able to keep your child at home, you should.**
  **#**StayHomeSaveLives.

The government is currently considering further measures to restrict social distancing:

- The longer people refrain from social distancing the longer this crisis will continue.
- Schools are taking every precaution to ensure children's welfare whilst attending emergency childcare. However, by the very nature of being in school with young children we are unable to enforce social distancing - children are safer if they are at home with their families.

Some of our schools are currently providing places for over 20% of their children, in excess of government expectations:

- The more children attending child care, the greater the risk to our Teachers and Teaching Assistants, many of whom have to bring their own children to work. They are making a very difficult decision in relation to their own safety and health and that of their children in order to support other critical key workers to fight this virus.

Therefore, please only send your child to the emergency child care if your work is critical to the Covid-19 response and you have no other option.

If both parents are not key workers, please reconsider your decision in light of the increasingly serious situation across our country, the priority for social distancing and the enhanced government financial offer to support people who are unable to continue to work.

I want to thank everyone who is leading the fight against Covid-19 and wish you and your family good health throughout this time.

Yours sincerely

Ian Nurser, CEO