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Childcare Hubs

We are planning to extend the opening hours of all 17 childcare hubs set up in primary schools across Aberdeenshire from Monday (6 April) in order to offer our key workers a more flexible provision.

Hub opening hours from 6th April 2020 and throughout the Easter Break:

07.30 to 18.45 Monday to Friday (5 days per week)

Hub opening hours from 20th April 2020:

07.30 to 18.45 Monday to Sunday (7 days per week)

We would appreciate it if those already using our hubs can discuss the requirements you have to extend your child(ren)'s hours with hub staff if you have not done so already.

At present, priority is being given to the children of key workers listed as category 1, in the first instance, but we will keep this under review. In the meantime, we may be able to make childcare arrangements for you with our partner providers.

While only one parent/carer is required to be a category 1 worker in order to qualify for this provision, we strongly recommend you keep your child at home, if at all possible.

If you are a key worker in any category and have already completed our original online request for childcare form, and are not already accessing provision, a member of staff will be in touch.

If you are a key worker in any category and have not yet requested support with childcare and would like to, please complete a new online form to help us better understand your requirements. The Key Worker Childcare Request Application Form can be accessed at this [link](#).

As a reminder, you can view the [Scottish Government guidance on critical childcare and learning provision for key workers](#) online if needed.

Kind regards

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