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Dear Parents/Carers,

Demand for ECP places

In recent weeks, we have received a high level of requests for places in the Emergency Childcare Provision (ECP) from both families with vulnerable children and key critical worker families whose circumstances have changed and now urgently need a place in the ECP. As we are only able to offer limited places in the ECP to ensure everyone's safety and adequate staffing, many of our year group bubbles are at full capacity and have a waiting list.

We are therefore writing to respectfully ask all parents/ carers who use the ECP whether there has been a change in circumstances which means that places are no longer needed and can be allocated to other children who desperately need a place and are (and have been for some time) on the waiting list.

We have always been clear that the ECP for the children of critical workers is for **EMERGENCY USE ONLY** when there is **nobody else at home to look after your child/ren**.

We also ask that parents/carers are only using the provision when both parents/carers are working at the same time or sole parent/carer is working.

The Department of Education has stated that 'if critical workers can work from home and look after their children at the same time then they should do so.'

If your circumstances have changed and you no longer require a place for your child/ren in the ECP or can reduce the days/hours that you require, please let us know by emailing enquiries@standrewsceva.uk.

Thank you for your continued co-operation in these challenging times.

Yours sincerely,

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