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Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Childcare if schools close**

We are planning for the possibility that schools will close. If NHS and social care employees cannot attend work because of childcare responsibilities this will create a major problem for health and care services that will directly affect their ability to care for seriously ill people.

It is possible that if schools close, some schools may be required to remain open to provide childcare for school age children whose parents work in health or social care and cannot make alternative childcare arrangements.

To help us prepare for this possibility we are asking families in these circumstances to complete this form with their contact details.

**NONE OF THIS IS CERTAIN AND WE AWAIT GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE, BUT WE WANT TO BE PREPARED IN CASE WE GET TO THIS POINT.**

The information we are collecting will be deleted if it is not required.

Complete the online form here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BMQHDGY>

If you cannot complete the form online speak to your child's school.

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