

06th April, 2020

CHILDCARE FOR CHILDREN AGED 0-4 OF CRITICAL WORKERS

Following the announcement today (Monday 6th April) made by the Deputy Minister for Health and Social Services, funding is being provided to each Local Authority in Wales to support the cost of Childcare for children 0-4 years of Critical Workers and also vulnerable children who also need to access registered childcare.

From today, Critical Workers with children aged 0-4 years will be able to access childcare at a registered setting at **no cost**.

To make this funding possible, The Welsh Government has had to suspend the Childcare Offer for Wales with immediate effect.

Applications are now closed and all children who were due start on the Childcare Offer this April will be cancelled until further notice.

However, The Welsh Government will continue to pay booked hours for children who are currently participating in the Childcare Offer until mid-June 2020, with a review to be undertaken at the end of that period.

Pembrokeshire County Council will manage all bookings for the Critical Workers childcare Offer.

To access this, you **must** register your child with Pembrokeshire County Council.

For more information and to register please visit: <https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-and-guidance/childcare-provision-for-children-of-critical-workers-and-vulnerable-children>