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Dear Parents and Carers,

HAST SCHOOLS: CHANGES TO CHILDCARE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE EASTER BREAK AND BEYOND

We are contacting you as your child has attended school through the recent closure period or you have indicated they are eligible to attend and we need to make you aware of some proposed changes to arrangements from w/c 6th April 2020.

For the first two weeks of closure, individual schools have generally taken responsibility for their own children and supported them in their own setting. However, after next week, working under Local Authority guidance, we are joining with local partner schools in the Harlington Area Schools Trust (HAST) to move childcare provision into 'hub' schools.

For our school this will be hosted at **Toddington St George C of E School** for the Easter break. After the break, the provision will be **at Toddington St George C of E School**. The reason for this course of action is that the provision in some schools is becoming unsustainable due to shortage of staff or very low pupil numbers.

In order for us to plan for the new arrangements, it is important we know how many children from each setting are likely to attend. We, therefore, ask you to provide the following information:

- If you would like your child to attend school during the Easter break at **Toddington St George C of E School. If so, on which days.**
- If you would like your child to attend school after the Easter break at **Toddington St George C of E School**
- **Please submit your response by email to office @toddstg.co.uk by 1.00pm on Monday 30th March.**

Before submitting your response, please note the following information: The government has been explicit in stating that pupils should only come to school during this period if it is absolutely essential and there is no suitable adult or older sibling in the household able to look after the child. The purpose of school closures is to limit the spread of the potentially fatal Covid-19 Coronavirus. If schools have pupils attending who could be at home, it is adding significant risk to the child, other pupils, staff and the households of all. Many parents working in critical sectors may be able to ensure their child remains at home. Many children and young people with EHC plans can safely remain at home. Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.

We will contact you with more details about the new arrangements by Wednesday 1st April.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding at this difficult time.

Yours sincerely,
Jane Spencer

In conjunction with and in agreement with Central Bedfordshire LA and with all the HAST areas schools