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Before and After School Care – Coming Holidays

Dear parents,

Please find below a special letter re vacation care.

Yours faithfully,

D Meaney Principal April 8, 2020

From: BASC Reform
Sent: Wednesday, 8 April 2020 8:58:50 AM
To: Glendenning Public School
Subject: Update on arrangements for Vacation Care in end of Term 1 holidays

Dear Glendenning Public School

This is an email update on arrangements for Vacation Care in end of Term 1 holidays

It is intended for schools catering for K-6 students, or other schools that have on-site Vacation Care providers

Thank you for facilitating completion of a survey by your parents, carers and families last week. These survey responses have helped the Department gauge the vacation care requirements of school communities across NSW, including yours.

The survey captured the needs of 1048 public school communities and we have undertaken an analysis of need against the current information on vacation care services operating during the end of Term 1 holidays. This analysis has shown that in the majority of cases there should be sufficient capacity through the mix of services in the local area to accommodate families in need of care.

To ensure the latest information on the availability of services is accessible for families we will be promoting the <u>BASCFinder tool</u> which includes information about Vacation Care providers. We will update DoE websites and facebook pages for all school's catering for K-6 students from 10am on 8 April 2020 to direct parents looking for information about vacation care to BASCFinder. This will ensure we get this critical information out to all families across the state and to reduce the administrative burden on schools.

The BASC Reform Team is proactively reaching out to schools where there does not appear to be a vacation care service operating in the local area to source other solutions for families.

The Department remains committed to supporting families who need care to have access. In our correspondence with vacation care services and providers, we have reiterated that all vacation care services are encouraged to stay open for any family whose child is well and is in need of care. We are hopeful that recently announced Commonwealth financial assistance for early childhood and care sector will support this goal.

If you have any queries in relation to this please contact the BASC Reform Team at 1300 244 145 or at <u>BASCReform@det.nsw.edu.au</u>.