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Dear Colleague

**North Yorkshire Workforce:
Volunteers wanted to help our NHS and front line staff**

As you may be aware, the majority of our schools and some childcare providers are continuing to provide cover for essential key workers over the Easter period. Our preferred option will always be to place children with any childcare provider or school local to the child. Increasingly we are becoming aware that this is not always possible as places are becoming very limited especially in certain areas of the county. We also recognise that many front line staff need our support over weekends so they can continue to deliver necessary help in the fight against the coronavirus.

We plan to have several hubs across the county in major areas and connected to a nearby hospital, as we aim to support these front line workers during this crisis with childcare. These are around Harrogate, Northallerton, Selby, Malton, Whitby, Ripon, Settle, Scarborough, Skipton, Hutton Rudby, Catterick and Richmond in North Yorkshire. This will enable us to provide school and early years places at weekends including the public bank holidays. For early years we will look at opening in the Easter holiday if current childcare is unavailable. Thanks to those schools who have offered to 'host' the provision. We are really grateful for the offers.

To enable us to run these hubs we will be looking to use colleagues from schools and local authority staff, wherever possible, as many of you already have primary, secondary or early years' experience, whether as a practitioner in a school or early years' provision, or more practically as a parent of your own children. We know that this voluntary workforce is needed across the areas identified. These hubs do not replace the current childcare arrangements during term time.

We are looking for volunteers who could help us in staffing the hubs on a rota basis. In each hub there will be a lead practitioner/leader who will organise the staff and provision. Linked to each hub will be two Senior Education Advisers who can liaise with staff and placements and ensure any questions are addressed. We are appealing to you and your staff to volunteer if possible to help us during this time. This will be in addition to your contractual hours, therefore any time worked at your normal rate of pay and claimed through your own school via time sheets in the normal way. However you may wish to take the hours worked as TOIL and this will need to be agreed with your head teacher. Once again, we are more than happy to accept colleagues from any phase early years, primary or secondary. You will be well supported.

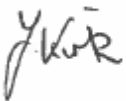
If you can help us, please could you send the following information by email by Monday 6th April 2020:

- Your personal contact details including - Your name, Your School / setting name, your preferred phone number and accessible email address.
- We will be checking with your employer to ensure that all safeguarding requirements are met e.g DBS
- Your position within school, and briefly your recent experience of children 0-5, KS1 – 4 etc
- Your availability - e.g week days, weekends and bank holidays.
- These hubs could be open 7.45am -5.45pm to reflect shift work, so the daily hours that you could work.
- Your location, or where in North Yorkshire you would be prepared to travel to.
- Your data will be used by NYCC as part of the national Coronavirus (Covid19) -7 emergency response. The details you provide will be shared with relevant NYCC staff within CYPS and with Hub leaders in schools (both maintained and academy schools) as required to assist in appropriate deployment.
- Here is the link into the privacy notice page <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/privacy-notice>

Many thanks for your support, we really need your help at this time of national crisis. Please contact:
elaine.broadbent@northyorks.gov.uk – **for Early Years staff.**
jen.cave@northyorks.gov.uk – **for all Primary and Secondary staff.**

Keep safe

Yours sincerely



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