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Dear Service Provider,

The Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business sets out the plan for the re-opening of Early Learning and Care and School-Age Childcare (ELC and SAC) services. The Department of Children and Youth Affairs (DCYA) has received Government funding to support the re-opening on June 29 of ELC and SAC services.

In light of the announcement of these financial support measures, I am writing to inform you that the DCYA operated Temporary Wage Subsidy Childcare Scheme (TWSCS) will conclude on 28 June 2020.

The TWSCS was introduced as a temporary and time-limited emergency measure to support the sector during the closure period required by the COVID-19 crisis. The Minister suspended the DCYA ELC and SAC subsidy schemes for the closure period and replaced these schemes with the TWSCS, as a sustainability measure designed to support the sector to reopen when it was safe to do so.

Now that the sector is reopening in line with the Government Roadmap and public health guidelines, it is necessary to cease the TWSCS so that Exchequer funding can be redirected towards supporting services to reopen in the best interests of children and families and the wider reopening of the economy.

The details of the substantial funding support package to assist in the reopening of early learning and care and school-age childcare facilities were announced by the Minister on 10 June. The new measures will enable the reactivation of registrations from June 29 on Community Childcare Subvention Plus programme (CCSP) and Training Education Childcare (TEC) for those who were registered on CCSP or TEC prior to the March 12 closure, and for reactivation/ new registrations of children on the National childcare Scheme (NCS). The reopening funding package also provides for both a capital and a re-opening grants for all eligible services.

The Department acknowledges that this is not a normal return to business and practice. The reopening funding model recognises the need to support the sector at this time through the new Capital Grant and the Reopening Grant, as well as other supports from across Government, to support staff retention through the continuation of the Temporary Wage Subsidy Scheme, and to support parents through no increases on parental fees for this reopening period.

Further details on the reopening funding model are available through a Frequently Asked Questions document published [here](#)

Yours sincerely,

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