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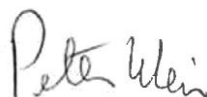
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**OPERATION OF CHILDCARE PROVISION ON SCHOOL PREMISES DURING
THE HALF TERM HOLIDAY BREAK**

On 14 October, the Executive announced that schools will close from 19 to 30 October.

I wish to confirm that schools will be closed to all children for the 2 week period in line with the Executive decision. This includes any pre-school, childcare or youth provider based on school premises.

I know that this year has been very stressful for childcare providers and parents and this closure will create additional pressure. I want to thank the childcare sector for their dedication and commitment to keeping their settings a safe and welcoming place for children.



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