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**To all Parents of Children
attending Day-Care Centres in Berlin**

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Information for Parents on the Enhancement of Emergency Care from 22.02.2021

Dear Parents,
Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

On February 11th 2021, the Berlin Senate decided not to make any changes to the regulations of the Infection Protection Measures Ordinance that have been in force since January 25th 2021. The day care facilities for children in the state of Berlin and day care centres will therefore remain closed and continue to offer emergency services.

However, in view of the heavy strain this places on Berlin families, the regulations regarding access to emergency care, are to be extended from 22.02.2021.

The previous upper limit for the maximum requirement for the provision of emergency childcare in day care facilities will be increased from 50 per cent to 60 per cent of the use spaces contractually reserved in a facility.

The current requirements for access to emergency care will continue to be maintained.

If there is an exceptionally urgent need for childcare and no other childcare option is available, from 22.02.2021, the following children can additionally be admitted:
those who are about to start school, those who have been deferred from compulsory school attendance or who have a need for language support.

The transition to school and an existing need for language support are thus recognised as further special educational reasons for emergency care.

Please continue to coordinate closely with your facility regarding the need for the provision of emergency childcare.

For clarification and questions regarding eligibility for emergency care, you can still contact the Parents' Hotline of the Senate Department for Education, Youth and Family. You can reach them on 030 - 90227 6600 on all working days from 9 am to 3 pm.

With kind regards,
On behalf of
Holger Schulze
Head of the Family and Early Childhood Education Department