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## Appendix C -Emergency Childcare Addendum April 2021

### Introduction

Targeted emergency child care (ECC) for school-aged children will operate at no cost to eligible parents. Those eligible for targeted emergency child care for school-aged children include health care, public safety and other frontline workers whose children are enrolled in school.

School-aged children enrolled in publicly funded or private schools are expected to participate in remote learning when in-person learning is not being delivered in schools. ECC staff/providers should work with parents to create the conditions that support the student's engagement in remote learning (e.g. provide a suitable space and time in the ECC program; support log-in to remote learning if required). ECC staff/providers are not expected to support curricular outcomes for remote learning but will assist children where possible. Children's needs for breaks from screen time, participation in active outdoor play and nutritional breaks will be provided.

All established ECC programs will continue to adhere to all requirements set out in the *Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014* and all current Ministry of Education policies and guidelines, including operational guidance to safely operate during the COVID-19 Pandemic. All health measures put in place by your local Public Health Unit are followed.

Care will be provided for children in Kindergarten to age 12. Children will be placed in family groupings of various ages to ensure cohorting is effective where families are applicable and to maintain smaller group sizes where possible.

If your child has extra support needs requiring accommodation, please ensure recommendations and information are provided on our Special Requirements form so that we are able to provide emergency child care that meets your child's needs within the parameters of care possible during this emergency.

If it is determined that we are unable to meet those needs despite our best efforts to accommodate your child, we reserve the right to withdraw emergency childcare services as per our behaviour management policy.

### Nutrition

For full-day emergency school age and kinder childcare, the BGCN bag lunch policy will apply. Please ensure your child arrives with a suitable lunch and at least 4 snacks, as well as a labelled water bottle for the day. **We are a nut-aware facility and require all lunches and snacks to be nut-free.**

### Clothing and Personal Belongings

Outdoor play will be used to support our efforts to promote a healthy lifestyle, while maintaining physical distancing. Please ensure children come with suitable outdoor clothing and footwear. Please label belongings for easy identification.

Personal and school-issued electronics will only be permitted at the child care center for the purpose of online virtual learning. Each child must have their own electronic device for virtual learning. Please ensure all electronics are clearly labelled, including charging cords, headphones, etc. and are able to be easily disinfected. In the event your child neglects to bring their electronic device, your child will not be able to commence their virtual learning that day unless you are able to make arrangements to drop off the equipment to do so.

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### **Remote Learning- Virtual Learning**

Children must come prepared with their work for the day and supplies/handouts as necessary, as well as necessary logins for devices and school databases. A BGCN staff member will support and provide items as necessary, but cannot be expected to print/prepare additional work for all children within their group. Please provide emergency childcare staff with your child's daily schedule of remote learning so they may assist with time management, breaks etc.

### **Privacy and Confidentiality within the Remote Learning Environment**

**Please note that the program spaces will be designed to promote privacy and confidentiality during remote learning while children are accessing video conferencing on their devices. BGCN staff members will work to monitor access and maintain privacy for video sessions where possible as participants utilize personal devices from home/school to conduct their virtual learning in the Emergency Child Care programs. Where possible, the Boys and Girls Club will work to set up spaces that promote participants privacy and confidentiality, however student lessons on virtual platforms may be recorded by the host. As devices are not Club-owned property, the Boys and Girls Club will not be responsible for viewing participants personal devices and therefore cannot ensure your child's photo or video recording will not be taken.**

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