House of Commons London, SW1A 0AA

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Dear MP

I am writing as a based in your constituency.

As you know, following the government's announcement last week, we are now expected to close our doors to all children except those of key workers. I am writing to you to ask that you do everything you can to ensure the government offers us sufficient financial support to sustain our businesses during this crisis.

I have been informed by my insurance broker Morton Michel, that my policy does not cover closure due to the coronavirus due to the fact it does not offer cover for unspecified diseases. Morton Michel have approached the underwriters, Covea Insurance PLC, but have not been able to find a solution that would mean cover is available and I will therefore need to rely on support from the government.

I understand that my local authority should continue to pay for funded hours, however, this does not account for enough of my income to be sustainable, especially if, as seems likely, we are not able to re-open until September. I am concerned that if the government does not offer sufficient support in the form of grants, I will not be able to re-open at all.

As the government has ordered all childcare and education businesses to close and it is only right that we should expect to be supported financially to do so. I am asking the government to urgently make substantial grants available to sustain our businesses until we can reopen.

I very much look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely