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Dear Parent / Guardian,

**FAO parents who have previously contacted us regarding care for key workers**

Following further direction from the Head of Education late yesterday afternoon I would like to update you of the position regarding the care of the children of key worker parents. As an urgent interim scheme the Head of Education has instructed schools who provide a care service here for children of key workers from March 23rd to April 3rd (arrangements after this to be confirmed).

We have now received further information that workers from the following sectors are to be regarded as key workers (it is emphasised that these have been determined by the Welsh government, not the school);

- The National Health Service
- Armed Forces
- Teachers and childcare Staff
- Care home workers
- Social workers
- Police officers, community support, civilian staff;
- Prison officers and other probation staff
- Fire Officers
- Local Authority Planners
- Environmental Health Officers
- Highways Agency Traffic Officers
- Government staff and local Authority that have been identified by their departments as key workers during these times.

**I would therefore kindly ask you to contact the school before 2pm today to register your child so that we can staff the provision. REMEMBER please try to use this service only if you have to so that we can safeguard the children and staff who will be on the premises.**

**If one parent works for the team that is defined as key workers the school provides care for your child / ren.**

**If you do not work in any of the above sectors the school will not be open to your child.**

**We understand that this is going to create difficulties but the guidance will need to be adhered to to ensure that the provision may be staffed and also to adhere to the recommendations of social distancing.**

**We also remind you of the following;**

- Pupils with medical conditions should not attend including conditions such as asthma.
- If any member of the family displays symptoms COVID19 self isolation will be required for the 14 day period.

**This provision will be available from 8am – 5pm from Monday for Derbyn – Year 6 children of Key workers. We can accommodate Nursery children between 8:30 and 11:00am. If you can collect your child earlier than 5 we would be very grateful.**

**I remind you that this is not the county's and the Assembly's directions as a single school.**

In addition to the above I would like you to consider the following:

- **The school's staffing is very low already and will only continue to deplete as some develop symptoms - many have already had to isolate because of health conditions – therefore, if there is any way for you to keep children at home this would ensure that we will be able to continue with the provision.**
- We ask you only to use the service on the days you need i.e. on the days/times you have to work.
- Normal schooling will not take place as it is intended to be childcare provision – and will be different to the usual curriculum
- The children of key workers are provided with a packed lunch. Children who currently pay for school meals will be expected to continue to pay for school meals. (If your child is not eligible for free school meals).

There is no need to wear the school uniform.

Once again I thank you in advance for your understanding.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Maelor