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Emergency childcare hubs

Emergency childcare hubs will be operating from 13 locations across the county from this Friday (27 March), Powys County Council has said.

School sites in the county will remain open until Thursday, March 26 but only for children of critical workers and the most vulnerable children.

The hubs, which will provide childcare to support critical emergency workers, NHS staff and social care workers as well as the county's most vulnerable children, will also operate at weekends. The hubs will operate from 8am to 6pm.

To access provision from Friday, March 27 to Friday, April 3, critical workers will need to register their child at their nearest emergency childcare hub by filling in an online form by 9pm on Wednesday, March 25.

As part of the arrangements, meals will be provided to children three times a day and transport will be arranged for children to get to the hubs and back home.

Cllr Phyl Davies, Cabinet Member for Education and Property, said: "The advice to parents is clear – if your children can stay safely in their home, they should.

"However, critical workers will still need to have safe care arrangements for their children. These emergency childcare hubs will be providing a vital service to support critical workers and our most vulnerable children.

“Our school sites will remain open up until Thursday as emergency childcare facilities but then they will close and these hubs will become operational from Friday onwards.

“I want to thank all professionals at our schools for their commitment during this extremely difficult period.”

The emergency childcare hubs are based in:

School cluster area – Emergency childcare hub

Brecon – Priory C. in W. School, Brecon

Builth Wells – Newbridge-on-Wye C. in W. School

Crickhowell – Crickhowell C.P. School

Gwernyfed – Archdeacon Griffiths C. in W. (A) School, Llyswen

Llandrindod Wells – Llandrindod Wells C.P. School Cefnlllys

Llanfair Caereinion – Ysgol Gynradd Llanfair Caereinion

Llanfyllin – Ysgol Gynradd Llanfyllin

Llanidloes – Llanidloes C.P. School

Presteigne – Presteigne C.P. School

Machynlleth – Ysgol Bro Hyddgen – Primary Campus, Machynlleth

Newtown – Ysgol Dafydd Llwyd, Newtown

Welshpool – Welshpool C. in W. Primary School (Howell Road Site)

Ystradgynlais – Ysgol Dyffryn y Glowyr, Lower Cwmtwrch

To register your child, go to <https://tinyurl.com/Emergency-childcare-hubs>

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