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Re: Provision for Key Workers and Vulnerable Pupils

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Dear Parent/Carer,

For **most** pupils this school will close today (20.03.20) for an indefinite period of time. We apologise for this inconvenience.

However, on Monday, the school will open to the children of essential workers and vulnerable pupils **only**. This facility will be based within the junior building of Blaendulais Primary School. We would advise that if childcare can be sought at home, this may be preferable to ensure Government advice is followed.

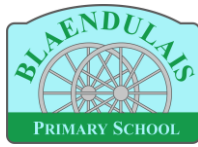
Please note, pupils/families who are currently 'self-isolating' will not be permitted into the facility until the end of the 14 day period.

The current NPTCBC interpretation of an essential worker is as follows:

- Health Workers – all those employed within the NHS;
- Blue light/Emergency Service Officers;
- Social Care Workers – defined as people working in care homes, providing domiciliary care & social workers;
- Supermarket Delivery Drivers;
- Prison Officers and other Prison Staff;
- Probation Service Staff;
- School Based Staff.

The current NPTCBC interpretation of a Vulnerable Pupil is as follows:

- Pupil on Child Protection Register;
- Pupil identified by Social Services as 'Child in Need' – **this does not include TAF pupils.**



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Please note, to ensure the provision meets the needs of identified learners, ID will be required on the first day of attendance i.e. Blue Light Card, NHS ID Card, Employee Identification Card etc.

Repurposing as 'Childcare Facility'

Please note, the school will be operating on a 'Childcare Facility' basis. As such, staff from Blaendulais Primary School will oversee operation of the facility on a rotational basis – your child's regular teacher/teaching assistant may not be present on any given day. Additionally, this means no regular lessons will be undertaken and staff will focus on light, recreational activities. Mr Phillips (Headteacher) or Mrs Wheadon (Deputy Headteacher) will be present daily to oversee management and safeguarding of the provision.

School Meals for Pupils of Key Workers and Vulnerable Pupils

School meals will be provided for the pupils attending our school. At this stage we believe these will be in the form of 'Grab & Go' bags i.e. wholemeal sandwich (ham/cheese/jam), fruit, biscuit & drink.

Hours of Operation

Normal school hours of 08.50 (staff will conduct Breakfast Club handover at 08.40) until 15.15 will apply. If no pupils arrive by 10.00am, we shall assume they are not attending that day.

School Meals for Pupils Eligible for Free School Meals (eFSM)

School meals will be provided for pupils eligible for Free School Meals (sFSM). At this stage we believe these will be in the form of 'Grab & Go' bags' i.e. wholemeal sandwich (ham/cheese/jam), fruit, biscuit & drink. **You will be informed of a timeslot when you will be able to collect your bag. Once bags are collected, pupils will need to return home.** Primary eFSM pupils who travel to school by 'home to school' transport (LSC pupils) should go to their nearest primary or secondary school to pick up their 'Grab & Go' bags. Please provide identification on collection.

School Transport for Vulnerable Pupils who use 'Home to School' Transport

For the time being, school transport will continue. This will be monitored on a daily basis – please liaise with your current transport provider.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will be open to Pupils of Key Workers and Vulnerable Pupils from 08.10 to 08.40 daily. This will be run by normal Breakfast Club staff. Handover to school staff will occur, as normal, at 08.40.

Headteacher