



Tuesday 14th April 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been decided by the Local Authority that, after the Easter break, the school will continue to access the Ysgol Bae Baglan 'Hub' to provide childcare for the children of essential workers and for invited children (Ysgol Bae Baglan, Seaway Parade, Port Talbot SA12 7BL).

The hub will be open from Monday (starting on the 21st of April) to Friday from 8.30 am until 5.00 pm. Your child will have a meal provided at lunch time with no cost to yourself. If your child hasn't been to the provision before, then on their first day, you will be given an information leaflet about the Hub and how to get in touch with us if there is a problem.

The hub has provided a safe and warm environment for the pupils and the staff from our school over the Easter holidays. It will be staff from Melin Primary School who will continue to supervise the children so that you can be confident that your child is being cared for by staff that you know and trust. Each school has been allocated areas to use so that social distancing principles are followed safely.

Could I again repeat what our Director of Education emphasised in his letter to parents before schools closed. The purpose of closing schools is to restrict and minimise social contact and therefore reduce the risk of being infected by the coronavirus.

Therefore, if it is at all possible, please keep your children at home. Parents should not rely for childcare upon those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category such as grandparents, friends, or family members with underlying conditions.

We will continue to ensure that the Hubs provide caring facilities for parents who are at the forefront of the national effort to fight the coronavirus disease and to invited families. We want to ensure that these vital workers are given every opportunity to be in work and to get on with their efforts to protect our lives and wellbeing.

In accordance with the above, we will limit attendance at the Hub to those who are either invited, or who are single parents and/both parents are employed within:

Health and social care sectors.

To education and childcare staff, including social workers.

Key public services, i.e. those responsible for the management of the deceased.

Local and national government

- This only includes those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the COVID-19 response, or delivering essential public services, such as the payment of benefits.

Food and other necessary goods

- This includes those involved in food production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery.

Public safety and national security

- This includes police and support staff, fire and rescue service employees (including support staff) and prison and probation staff.

Transport

- This includes those who will keep the road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the COVID-19 response, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass.

The Hub provision arrangements have been established following close discussion by the Local Authority with Public Health Wales and they will continue to be reviewed carefully by the school and the Local Authority.

If your child will be attending, could you please email the school on melinprimary@npt.school stating your child's name and year group so that we can provide you with further information about how and where to drop your child to us at the Hub.

Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at the school.

Yours sincerely,

T. Richards

Headteacher