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Dear Parent/Carer

We now have some further information regarding how Newport Local Authority are operating the Childcare Hubs during this period of school closures.

Initially, eligible parents of mainstream school children who are currently in Reception to Year 7 can apply for a place in a Childcare Hub which will begin on **Wednesday, 25th March 2020**.

Applications will need to be resubmitted every two weeks. This will allow key workers who are currently self-isolating to access places when they are returning to work.

In our Catholic cluster, our Catholic primary schools are acting as Childcare Hubs.

It is important to note that Childcare Hubs will not be delivering formal learning but are operating a childcare facility. Children will need to bring a packed lunch except those eligible for Free School Meals who will be given lunch. Transport to these Childcare Hubs will not be available.

Newport Local Authority have stated that due to the limited number of places, initially, places will only be considered for the following key worker groups:

- Health and Social Care
- Education and Childcare
- Public Safety and National Security

Once there is a clear picture of the demand and availability of places, other key worker groups can be considered.

Currently, parents who are eligible to apply for a place in a Childcare Hub are:

- single parents who are employed as specific key workers
- where both parents are employed as specific key workers

Eligible parents can apply for a **two-week place** using a standard form which can be downloaded by following this link: [Application Form](#). This form will need to be returned to the following email address: School.Admissions@newport.gov.uk

Parents will be informed by individual schools if they have a place by Tuesday 24th March. Dates for further confirmation will be issued in the following week.

Some Childcare Hubs may be able to provide childcare during the Easter holiday. This will be reviewed and communicated in the week before the official Easter break.

Further information about Childcare Hubs in Newport can be found at the following link:

[Communication on Schools Repurposing \(pdf\)](#)

We would like to remind you that places should not be requested for children who, based on government advice, should be self-isolating or socially distancing.

Once again, I would like to thank you for your continued support of your child's education, which will be particularly important during these difficult times.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Jarrett
Headteacher

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