



Glasllwch Primary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians/Carers,

I hope you are all keeping well and staying safe during this extremely challenging time.

At school we have been running a Hub, childcare provision, for a very limited number of children whose parents/carers are front line workers and have absolutely no provision to keep them at home. The criteria for admission into the Hub has now been extended to include the final key worker groups: Transport and Key Public Services.

The guidance from the government is clear, **STAY AT HOME!** We are urging all of you to keep your children home, if at all possible, so you can guarantee their safety.

I am sure you'll appreciate, that sending your child to school is high risk both for your child as well as for staff and therefore **our Hub should only be used as a very last resort.**

If both parents/carers belong to key worker groups, applications can be made through the LA. Detailed information is available on the NCC website following the link below.
<http://www.newport.gov.uk/en/Schools-Education/Childcare-for-prioritised-key-workers.aspx>

Applications will be followed up by school. Please do not send your child to our Hub until a placement has been confirmed by the school.

Currently, our Hub is being run by Glasllwch staff on a rota basis to ensure they have minimum exposure to other adults and children. There will be occasions, moving forward, when staff from other schools across our cluster will be running the Hub. There will also be occasions when children from other schools across the cluster will join us as well.

Teachers and Teaching Assistants continue to support our school community in a variety of ways. Through our home learning activities, we are trying to maintain some sense of structure and normality for our pupils and to enable them to continue with their learning. Weekly timetables are posted on SeeSaw or Google Classroom on Monday mornings followed by daily activities. Thank you so much for all the positive comments we are receiving, it's been great to see such innovative approaches to teaching and learning!

Our main concern, however, is for the health, safety and wellbeing of our pupils, staff and whole school community. We recognise the pressure parents/carers are under if they are trying to work from home as well as trying to support home learning activities. The majority of home learning that is set, can be completed independently. For our

younger learners, parents may need to occasionally support or explain activities. Staff have provided videos, tutorials to support learning where possible. We are not expecting you to 'home educate' your child but are providing activities to help you support or revisit their learning. Please do not feel guilty if the day does not go to plan. Make the most of spending this time with your loved ones and do whatever is necessary to keep safe and well, not just physically but emotionally and mentally too. Try to spend time in the garden and enjoy the sunshine whilst it lasts!

Staff will be checking in to *Google classroom* and *SeeSaw* on a regular basis but please be aware that at times they may be unable to do so due to illness or school Hub commitments.

Thank you for your continued support during this unprecedented time.

Best wishes and stay safe,

Mrs C.M. Jackson
Headteacher