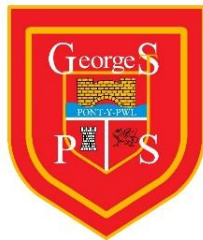


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Dear parent/carers

UPDATE ON SCHOOL CLOSURE / HOME LEARNING

Following yesterday's decision by the Welsh Education Minister to move all learning online until 18th January, I am writing to provide an update on our plans.

As previously notified, children of keyworkers and vulnerable pupils are able to attend school this Thursday and Friday. Provision for all other pupils will be via Seesaw.

This arrangement will now continue for the week of Monday 11th to Friday 15th January.

With this in mind, we are extending the deadline for keyworker parents/carers to register their child(ren) for attending the school's temporary keyworker Hub.

The Welsh Government (WG) has produced a list of eligible keyworkers which you can check on the school's website at: <https://www.georgestreetprimary.co.uk/media/3738/guidance-published-by-the-welsh-ministers-on-identifying-children-of-critical-workers.pdf>

Any parents/carers who meet the criteria on this list and wish for their child(ren) to attend school on any day between Thursday 7th and/or Friday 15th January **must notify the school office by phone or email between school hours on Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th January.** This is to ensure that both the school and the local authority (LA) are able to plan effectively.

Parents/carers who have already contacted school do not need to do so again.

You will be aware that the governments in other UK countries have already announced their own lockdown arrangements, including for the closure of schools. At present, plans in Scotland and England are for all schools to remain closed for face-to-face learning for significantly longer than the date for re-opening given by the Welsh Government.

Meetings between Welsh LAs and the WG are continuing this week. It is highly likely that the period of school closure in Wales will be extended. If this happens then we will continue using the approach that will begin this Thursday (i.e. home learning for all pupils other than keyworker/vulnerable children).

For this reason, all keyworker parents/carers who wish their child(ren) to access the school's face-to-face (Hub) provision must contact school to confirm this by 3.00 this Thursday. After this time the school will not be able to accept any further request for places this half term.

Please read and take note of the following important information about our in-school (Hub) provision for keyworker/vulnerable pupils:

1. Pupils will not be able to attend between 7th-15th January without prior agreement and confirmation from school (see *deadline above*).
2. In the event that school closure is extended beyond the 15th January, only those pupils who have already been registered will be able to attend.
3. Parents/carers will need to provide evidence of eligibility as keyworkers.
4. Parents/carers will be asked to confirm the specific days on which it is **necessary** for children to attend. It will not be possible to alter these days at a later date.
5. Pupils attending the school's Hub may form part of a mixed-age bubble.
6. Pupils are unlikely to be taught / supervised by their usual members of staff or in their usual classroom.
7. Provision for pupils will run between 8.30 and 3.10.
8. All pupils will need to bring a packed lunch as no hot meals will be provided on site until further notice.

Please note that parents/carers of vulnerable pupils will be contacted by the school directly.

Any parents/carers needing to speak with school staff about any other matter at the start of this term should contact the school office using the phone number or email at the top of this letter and we will assist with any queries you may have.

Kind regards,



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