**IMPORTANT CHANGES TO EMERGENCY CHILDCARE FOR VITAL KEY WORKERS**

Dear Parents,

Firstly , I hope you are all keeping safe and well. The past week has been particularly challenging with the ever changing and developing sitiuation. I would like to thank all parents for following Govenment advice to stay at home and only use Ysgol Derwen as an emergency childcare setting when absolutely necessary. This has kept the daily pupil numbers low enabling children and staff to adhere to social distancing measures intended to keep everyone safe. I would also like to thank all my fantastic staff who have pulled together during this week to enable the school to provide childcare and for putting themselves on the front line and at risk during these difficult and upsetting times.

We have however been instructed by Flintshire County Council yesterday of a change to the current emergency childcare arrangements. Childcare based at Ysgol Derwen will finish this Friday. From Monday 30th March pupils from this school and 5 others from the Castell Alun consortium will be offered emergency childcare based at Ysgol Estyn, Hope. This is not a decision made by the school and all heads from the new hub are currently working very hard to set up the new provision.

**It is important to note the following**

1.This childcare is for front line Key workers only.

2. This childcare is a ‘last resort’ emergency facility and should only be used when all other safe childcare options are not available to you.

3. The facility will be run by staff from all schools. There may not be staff from our school present every day.

4. Children should be on site for the minimum amount of time i.e for the duration of your work only.

**If you think you will need to use this hub from Monday March 30th please complete the application form below. This form needs completing and returning to this email address by 12:00 Noon Friday 27th March. You will then be emailed to confirm eligibility.**

The decision of eligibility will be made using Government guidelines by the hub lead and assistant hub leads. Their decision will be final. It must be stressed that this is an emergency childcare facility for front line key workers only. For the safety of those pupils using this childcare and for the staff running it, criteria’s will be strictly adhered to. This is to keep numbers to a minimum in an attempt to keep the numbers of people on site as small as possible to keep everyone as safe as possible during these difficult times.

Parents who are not front line key workers or who will not need to use the emergency hub childcare do not need to reply to this email.

Stay safe everyone.

**Estyn hub emergency childcare facility**

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