



20 March 2020

Dear parents,

We have received the following advice re the child care of keyworkers. This is taken directly from government guidance.

'Many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. **Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.**

Please, therefore, follow these key principles:

1. **If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.**
2. If a child needs specialist support, is vulnerable or has a parent who is a critical worker, then provision will be available for them.

(This provision is not in the form of statutory education as this has ceased. Children will be guided during this time to complete work from their home learning packs, but will not be formally 'taught' – Staff caring for these children may not be qualified teachers).

3. 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.

'This is our current understanding of key workers

- health workers – all those employed within the NHS
- Education staff who work in schools and settings
- blue light / emergency service officers
- social care workers
- supermarket delivery drivers
- prison officers and other prison staff
- probation service staff
- Key public services
- Food and other essential healthcare goods.

Also if there is one key worker in the family, that qualifies for provision, but please be mindful (for the sake of the health of your children and school staff) that if your child/children can be provided for in the home, then they should be as per point 1 above.

If workers think they fall within the critical categories above they should confirm with their employer that, based on their business continuity arrangements, their specific role is necessary for the continuation of this essential public service.

School will be open as usual on Monday 23rd March for the pupils who qualify under these headings. Children need not wear uniform. If you are unsure and think that your child should qualify, or you are a keyworker as listed above and wish to access this provision, please contact Mrs Birkinshaw using the following e-mail address headteacher@bronington-pri.wrexham.sch.uk so that we can plan for the appropriate number of pupils and meals.

Should you need breakfast club or after school facilities these will need to be paid for and booked in advance as usual.

Please also note that any child with a temperature, sore, throat, cough will be turned away at the door as will pupils of parents who don't qualify for key worker status.

Please note that this information could change as the situation changes or if school staffing is affected by the virus or the need to self-isolate. If we have to close because of staffing levels, Wrexham Local Authority will guide you to your nearest 'open' school.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Birkinshaw'.

Angela Birkinshaw