

27th March, 2020

Further to my communication on March 26th, I can confirm that we are able to open the school to a minority of key workers who fit the following criteria:

From *Tuesday March 31st*, 2020, we will be operating a supervision service for the children of NHS staff and emergency (blue light) staff only. **This must be by request and authorised in advance.**

Requests must be sent to us with a notice period of at least 48 hours and preferably longer, and authorised by us in advance.

Even for these groups of workers it is of **first principle** that their children should be kept home if at all possible and only sent to the school if there is no safe alternative.

This supervision is restricted to those who do not have older siblings in the family who are able to look after them and where all other arrangements would make the continuation of work to the vulnerable in our communities, impossible or difficult.

This is for pupils in Y7-9 and preferably younger than 14 years of age as we must minimise the risk of infection to all.

You are advised to consider the guidance of the nspcc (available on the school's website) regarding children alone in the home and make safe alternatives for your child and uphold our core principle of:

Each and every individual has a moral and a legal responsibility to avoid any activity which risks the spread of the C-19 infection. This can only be achieved by stringent measures to avoid social contact and taking protective precautions when touching surfaces. Where contact is unavoidable with people and potentially infected surfaces, all actions must mitigate against spreading C-19.'

This could include 'remote' supervision by a relative, friend or by requesting it from the school

Should you need supervision in school or via remote methods, please e-mail wellbeing@cowbridgecs.co.uk

This availability will be for the foreseeable future and can include weekends and the Easter holiday.

A member of the senior team will get in touch with you as soon as possible to discuss arrangements with you.

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