

## Update

**Thank you!**

**We send our very best wishes to all in our community at this highly unusual and unparalleled time. We hope that you are staying home to keep as many people as safe as possible. Our heartfelt appreciation, admiration and respect to all those who are front-line workers fighting to beat this deadly virus and to those who are supporting us all, in different ways, to receive our commodities and services.**

**Once again, I urge all in our community to be kind, compassionate and endeavour to look after those who are more vulnerable than others. Small acts of kindness and selflessness are vital to support those who are being directly and indirectly, negatively affected by this outbreak. This will be even more important as the death toll sets to rise significantly in the days and weeks ahead. Our core message to you is 'Crisis brings out the best and worst in us all at different times. Try to be your best when others are at their worst.'**

**We are very grateful to those in our community, senior pupils and parents who have contacted us to volunteer their services and have thanked us for our services. This is truly appreciated!**

## School Supervision

We are assisting a regional 'Hub' to ensure that primary pupils are looked after within the primary setting and our staff are assisting with this supervision for primary-age pupils.

For our secondary pupils, Cowbridge Comprehensive site **will remain open for emergency reasons** and for the children of key workers. This is because we believe that this will provide age appropriate provision and uphold strict social distancing within our large setting. The supervision at our site will be provided by senior staff.

Again, I remind you that it is of *first principle that 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.

**Please provide 48 hours notice minimum, so that we can make appropriate arrangements.**

Should you need supervision in school or via remote methods, please e-mail [wellbeing@cowbridgecs.co.uk](mailto:wellbeing@cowbridgecs.co.uk)

*A member of the senior team will get in touch with you as soon as possible to discuss arrangements with you. We will aim to provide bespoke provision around your requirements and this can include extended hours and weekends, provided you give us the required notice.*

## 2. Additional Services and Provision to NHS workers

**We realise that when NHS staff and other key workers are working long shifts This may may need different support to the supervision of children. We have therefore set up a group of volunteers who may be available to assist you with the following:**

- 1. Dog walking**
- 2. Shopping**
- 3. Assisting with a vulnerable member of the family who is self-isolating or unable to get out to obtain essential goods.**

**Please contact us for these services via [wellbeing@cowbridgecs.co.uk](mailto:wellbeing@cowbridgecs.co.uk)**

### **3. Wellbeing Support for pupils**

Staff are making phone calls to pupils and already in excess of 100 phone calls have taken place to keep connectivity.

Any pupil who is experiencing crisis or anxiety can contact members of the safeguarding team via [wellbeing@cowbridgecs.co.uk](mailto:wellbeing@cowbridgecs.co.uk)

Thank you for your patience, calm and understanding and importantly, keep safe!

***Mrs Thomas  
Headteacher***