

## Update

### 1. Supervision for NHS and Blue Light Workers

From *Tuesday March 31st*, 2020 and ongoing for the foreseeable future, we will be operating a supervision service for the children of NHS staff and emergency (blue light) staff only. This can include weekends and between the hours of 7am to 7pm.

**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, so that we can ensure effective and robust arrangements.**

**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 supervision 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.'**

*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 bespoke the provision around your requirements.*

### 2. Additional Services and Provision to NHS workers

We realise that when NHS staff are working long shifts, they may need different support to 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.

NHS workers are able to contact us for these services via [wellbeing@cowbridgecs.co.uk](mailto:wellbeing@cowbridgecs.co.uk)

### 3. Pupils entitled to Free School Meals

In the next few weeks we will be delivering wellbeing and learning packs to all 60+ of pupils entitled to free school meals. This will include toiletries, reading materials, games and other crafts as a gesture of goodwill. Additionally we will be ensuring that meals are available to all pupils and will be contacting parents directly over the next few weeks.

#### **4. 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.

#### **5. Hub Support**

The Vale of Glamorgan are setting up Hub schools. Although we will be providing our own bespoke supervision from our site, we will also be offering a range of support services to 3 local schools allocated to a 'hub'.

#### **6. Examinations Update**

A link on the school's website will keep you updated of these ongoing arrangements in relation to examinations for all pupils Y10 - 13

#### **7. Supporting Other Front-line Providers**

On Friday, we donated our own stock (along with all other secondary schools) a range of items for PPE. A photo is attached of the collection at the Local Authority last Friday!



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