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Dear Parents/Carers

Key Worker Essential Provision

Thank you for letting us know that you would like to have a place in our childcare provision from next week.

We will be open from 7.45am until 3.15pm. Breakfast Club will be available as normal but we will not be running any clubs after provision finishes at 3.15pm.

School lunches will be provided as usual to those pupils who have them. If your child normally has a packed lunch and they would like a school lunch, please let school know. Pupils who are entitled to Free School Meals and are attending this childcare provision will have their school lunch as normal. Children can bring a snack to eat during the day.

As this is childcare, children do not need to wear school uniform but they will need to bring PE Kit. Children also need to bring the packs of work provided by teachers with them, these will be completed on a morning.

Please could you enter the building via the main door and sign your child in, please also sign your child out at the end of the session/day.

We have been advised by Durham County Council to make it clear to parents that **any child who can be at home should be at home**. The recommendation to send children to school is only so that key workers who don't have any alternative arrangements are not forced to stay off work. The government guidance explicitly states:

"The most recent scientific advice on how to further limit the spread of COVID-19 is clear. If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading."

We have been advised that the building must only be opened for the absolute minimum of children needed. The more children in the building, the greater the risk to both them and the staff in it.

During this difficult time, our thoughts are with our whole community.

Kind regards,

S. Whelerton

