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Dear parent or carer

Further to my communication on Friday, I can now update parents on arrangements in place to accommodate vulnerable children and the children of key workers for Thursday 7th and Friday 8th January. Definitions of both are included at the end to this update.

By only using this service if essential, we can reduce the number of contacts we have with other people over the coming days and lower the risk of spreading the virus and protecting the vulnerable in our community.

In considering an application for provision, it is important to pay attention to the following points:

- Supervised learning is very different to daily teaching – there will be no formal lessons that those at home would miss.
- Pupils will be given time to complete the same tasks as those at home.
- Staff will be dividing time between supporting remote learning and supervising the learning of the children physically present. There will therefore be an emphasis on working independently.

Some organisational considerations:

- Supervised learning will run from 8.45am - 2pm on both Thursday and Friday.
- Children should go straight to their classroom on arrival.
- As the kitchen is not operational, there is no breakfast club, canteen break or school dinners.
- Children should bring a break, packed lunch and drink.
- Pupils wear full uniform.
- Arrangements may change at short notice due to staff availability or unforeseen circumstances.

Vulnerable Children

The school will accommodate children who meet the vulnerable child definition. School staff may also make contact with families directly regarding this provision.

Children of key workers

This service should only be accessed if your child meets the criteria and there is no other viable means of having them looked after. It is not intended to be used if a parent is working at home.

In order for our school to ascertain the level of need, please complete the relevant provision survey link (which will be texted to all parents) by 12 noon on Tuesday 5th January. Direct any queries to info@newrowps.castledawson.ni.sch.uk.

More information on remote learning arrangements will follow on Wednesday via school text & Seesaw.

Many thanks for your continued support and every wish for safety and health during these worrying times.

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Definitions: vulnerable children and key workers Taken from DENI advice, 31 Dec 20

The definition of Vulnerable Children as set out in the cross-departmental Vulnerable Children and Young People's Plan 2020 is: (<https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-cross-departmental-covid-19-vulnerable-children-and-young-peoples-plan>)

1. A child who has an assigned social worker because he or she is a child in need, in need of protection (or on the child protection register) or is a looked after child.
2. A child in need includes young carers, children with disabilities, and children living in families where there is domestic abuse, substance abuse, and / or mental health difficulties.
3. A child who is receiving support from, or has been referred to Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS).
4. A child who has a statement of Special Educational Needs (SEN), a child who is accessing EOTAS, or a child who normally accesses Education Nurture Units.
5. A child who is 'on-the-edge' of receiving support from children's social services.
6. A child who is in need, including in need of protection, but whose need is not known to statutory services.
7. A child who is not known to statutory or voluntary and community support services but who is vulnerable because their family is under increased pressure due to Covid-19 related circumstances.
8. A young person who was previously a looked after child, whether or not they are receiving support from statutory services.
9. A child who has been placed for adoption.
10. Asylum seeking and refugee children and children whose parents have no recourse to public funds.

Key workers are defined as:

1. Health and Social Care. This includes doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, home carers and staff required to maintain our health and social care sector;
2. Education and childcare. This includes pre-school and teaching staff, social workers, youth workers and those specialist education professionals who will remain active during the Covid-19 response;
3. Public safety and national security. This includes civilians and officers in the police (including key contractors), Fire and Rescue Service, prison service and other national security roles;
4. Transport. This will include those keeping air, water, road and rail transport modes operating during the Covid-19 response;
5. Utilities, and Communication. This includes staff needed for oil, gas, electricity and water (including sewage) and primary industry supplies to continue during the Covid-19 response, as well as key staff in telecommunications, post and delivery, banking and waste disposal;
6. Financial Services - This includes staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure);
7. Food and other necessary goods. This includes those involved in food production, processing, distribution and sale, as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (e.g. hygiene, medical, etc.);
8. Retail. This includes those workers who have been working throughout the pandemic in food retail, for example, and will now extend to those working in other retail businesses permitted to operate by the Executive from June 2020;
9. Other workers essential to delivering key public services such as the National Crime Agency; and
10. Key national and local government including those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the Covid-19 response.