



26th March, 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

Key Workers Information – arrangements from March 30th, 2020

From Monday 30th March Flintshire County Council will be changing its model for the provision of childcare for key workers and vulnerable learners. The Council will operate a smaller number of strategically located primary, secondary and special school hubs, close to major traffic routes in both urban and rural areas. There will be 12 area hubs made up of 22 school sites. Castell Alun High School is one of those hubs. For more information, please read the [letter from Claire Homard](#), Chief Officer Education and Youth at Flintshire County Council dated 26th March 2020.

Please be aware that Welsh Government Guidance is still in place, and so key worker parents/carers need to keep their children at home wherever possible. These childcare arrangements therefore are only for children of key workers where there is no safe, alternative provision available and where key workers meet the following criteria:-

- Category 1 - a single parent with a role on the list defined as critical to the Covid-19 response from Welsh Government
- Category 2 - where both parents have roles on this list
- Category 3 - a parent from a family unit who does not qualify under categories 1 and 2 above, and has a role on this list, and where there is an explicable and genuine reason why they need to access provision.

Should you require childcare provision at Castell Alun next week, please complete and return the Flintshire [registration form](#) via email to carol.jones@castellalun.flintshire.sch.uk by 5pm on Friday 27th March – please also indicate in your email which days and times (Mon – Fri, between 8am and 5:30pm) your child will attend. You will also need to print and sign a hard copy of the form and ask your child to hand that in on arrival.

School Transport

Where possible, we ask that parents arrange home to school transport of their own child/children. However; where this is not possible, transport can be provided. In order for the necessary transport provision to be arranged, please email school.transport@flintshire.gov.uk as soon as possible with the following details and no later than 11am on **Friday 27th March, 2020**.

- Name and address of the child/children requiring transport
- Contact number and e-mail address to provide detail of transport arrangements
- Whether transport is usually provided and details of the normal transport arrangement
- Days & times that transport will be required
- Details of where the transport is required to and from

Please note children will be seated separately on the vehicles to ensure that the social distancing and government guidance is adhered to.

We hope you and your loved ones remain safe and healthy. As we face the difficult challenge of responding to COVID-19 our thoughts go out to those affected by this event and we send heartfelt thanks to the key workers in our local community and beyond working to support us all in this unprecedented situation.

Paula Williams
Headteacher