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Emergency Supervised Child Care Facility at St. Catherine's.

Dear Parents/ Carers ,

This letter is a guide as to how the emergency childcare service will operate in St. Catherine's during this lockdown directed by DE (Department of Education).
[It is to be noted that DE have directed that all children remain at home for Remote Learning to ensure safety and control the spread of infection of COVID 19 but where parents have exhausted every avenue to try do this and cannot, then the following emergency childcare service is available for the children of keyworkers and vulnerable children]

As a parent what do I need to know?

Childcare Bubble	Drop Off/ Collection Point	Drop off /Start Time	Collection/ Finish Time
Nursery	Door for Year 1/ 2 at the front of the Junior School....Please note that Nursery Children will have childcare on JUNIOR SCHOOL SITE	9.15am	1.30pm



Foundation Stage Years 1 and 2	Door for Year 1/ 2 at the front of the Junior School	9am	2.15pm
Key Stage 1 Years 3 and 4	Assembly Hall exterior door at the front of the Junior School	9am	2.15pm
Key Stage 2 Years 5,6,7	Main Front Door of SENIOR School	9am	2.15pm

Please note: Years 1-7 Pupils will be collected at the same collection time each day to facilitate one FAMILY Pick Up Time

Further Guidance:

Uniform:

Pupils should wear their full winter uniform to attend childcare sessions.

Break/ Lunch Arrangements

Children should bring their own healthy break and lunch to school with them in the morning.

The school canteen will not be operating. (Children entitled to Free School Meals....Parents will have payments made to their bank accounts by EA so if they are availing of emergency childcare...parents will need to send a packed lunch with their child.)

School Bags/ Stationery

As per COVID Guidance, children should not bring school bags or stationery to school.

Staff Supervision

Staff will supervise children on a daily rota basis according to staff availability. This will mean that your child will not be supervised by a teacher / classroom assistant who is known to them, every day. When not supervising, teachers will be planning for Remote Learning, engaging with pupils learning remotely regarding learning, receiving work online and marking work accordingly.

There will be no face to face teaching in childcare bubbles. Children will be given the same worksheets to complete that children at home are completing.

Attendance

If you have enrolled your child for emergency supervised childcare, an attendance register will be taken every day. If your child cannot attend for a day or you have made another arrangement and no longer need this facility please email the Principal to let her know.

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COVID 19 Safety Advice

See at the end of this letter.

If you have any queries at all at any stage please do not hesitate to contact the Principal.....

In the meantime, stay safe

God bless,

Mrs Bridget Wilders
Principal



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COVID 19 Top Tip Reminders for Parents/

Carers:

1. Every possible precaution will be taken to keep our little children and their staff safe in school.
2. Temperatures of children will be taken upon arrival to school and if a child's temperature is 38 degrees centigrade or above, parents will be called to take child home from school until they feel better. See Quick Guidance on COVID 19 Absences below.
3. Children will be encouraged to handwash/ sanitise regularly as per DE/ PHA Guidance. (If a child develops a skin irritation due to increased levels of handwashing/ sanitising, please talk to the class teacher so that an appropriate course of action can be taken). It is to be noted that all soaps and sanitisers are provided in school and have been procured through the Education Authority.
4. Children are organised in Childcare Bubble groups for supervision purposes depending on staff availability.
5. If children do have to isolate due to a positive case or if Childcare bubble has been shut down, school staff will be in contact with you.
6. Children should have wipeable lunch boxes with NO CLOTH ideally. Children may bring a bottle of water to school and should take it home to be sterilised at the end of each day.
7. Parents are asked to regularly wash uniforms for their children to control the spread of infection.
8. Communication between home and school has never been more important than it is now. If your child is sick or has COVID 19 Symptoms or if someone in the family has symptoms or has tested positive....**PLEASE INFORM THE SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY** and keep your child at home for the correct isolation period as guided by Medical Staff (Now 10 Days instead of 14 Days) In order to control the spread of COVID 19 it is crucial that the school know what is happening.
9. It is to be noted that we are following at all times, guidance issued by the Department of Education (DE), Education Authority (EA) and Public Health Agency (PHA) as are all schools in NI.

If you have any queries at all, please do not hesitate to email the Principal and she will get back to you as soon as possible.



A PARENTS QUICK GUIDE TO CORONAVIRUS RELATED ABSENCES

What to do if	Action needed	Return to school when
My child has Coronavirus symptoms.	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school daily Self-isolate Get a test Inform school immediately about test result	The test comes back negative and they are fever free for 48 hours.
My child tests positive for Coronavirus.	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Inform the school immediately about the test result Contact school daily Self-isolate for at least 10 days	They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of taste or smell/ taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once infection is gone. If they continue to have a high temperature they should stay at home.
Somebody in my household has Coronavirus symptoms.	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL for 14 days 10 days Contact school daily Household member to get a test Inform the school immediately about the test result	Stay at home for ¹⁰ 14 days after the first person in your home started having symptoms.
Somebody in my household has tested positive with Coronavirus.	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Inform the school immediately about the test result Contact school daily	The child has completed 10 days of self-isolation.
The 'Track and Trace' scheme has identified my child as a close contact of somebody with symptoms of confirmed Coronavirus.	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school daily Self-isolate for 14 days 10 days	The child has completed 10 days of self-isolation.
My child has travelled abroad and has to self-isolate as part of the quarantine process.	<i>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed</i> DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Contact school daily Self-isolate for 14 days 10 days Provide information to the school as per attendance policy	When the quarantine period of 14 days 10 days has been completed.
Staff or pupil in my child's bubble have tested positive	DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL Inform the school Everyone in the bubble must self-isolate and take a test.	When a negative test is confirmed or the necessary isolation period has been completed.