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COVID-19 CHILDCARE PROVISION

Church Walk will remain open, as long as this is sustainable, to provide essential childcare for families who attend our school. We will only be offering childcare for families that meet the criteria of critical workers or children who are identified as vulnerable. Requirements for childcare will need to be requested on a weekly basis by Thursday of the week before it is needed by emailing; **admin@churchwalk.cumbria.sch.uk** All requests will be confirmed by return email. Children should not attend school unless there has been email communication both requesting and confirming childcare.

We have worked hard to provide extra clarity and consistency around the critical worker list. The Government's definition of a 'critical worker' and a 'vulnerable child' is extensive and unless we prioritise, we may not be able to support the families and workers that require this help the most. We have used the Government's official guidance for schools which includes Government's official list of critical workers to put critical workers into a tiered system from Tier 1 to 4 (see below). Decisions on offers of childcare will be based on the level of need to identify how many tiers we are open for and this may change on a daily basis. Please note that our school is currently limited to ten places.

Current government guidance, and this is just guidance not an entitlement, regarding eligibility for the childcare is that children with at least one parent or carer who are identified as critical workers by the government can potentially send their children to school if required. However, our criterion is that both parents must be critical workers (unless there are exceptional circumstances) and we must emphasise that the government guidance also states that, "many parents working in these critical sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be". Therefore, this childcare must only be for the days/times you definitely need it, so the information you include on your form will be essential. Please note we will be prioritising families who have two parents or carers on the critical keyworker list and single parents and families. We will apply the tiered criteria until we have reached capacity (see paragraph above). Parents not deemed to be eligible, who bring their children to school or unaccompanied children who just turn up will not be able to remain in school. Parents of children who are unaccompanied will be contacted to collect their child.

Parents will need to complete a school keyworker Childcare request form which is available from the school office, when you arrive.

This will give us information about your situation and why you require childcare. A robust screening process and strict criteria is in place. If you are a critical worker, we will be asking you to provide proof of employment in the form of a Keyworker letter/email from your employer. We may also need to get in touch with you or your employer via telephone to gain some extra clarification.

Church Walk will be open from 9am-3.15pm. There is flexibility within these hours for those parents and carers that work shifts i.e children can be dropped off later than 9am and be collected earlier than 3.15pm. Please note, the current guidance around self-isolation regarding symptoms of coronavirus including a temperature of over 37.8C and/or a persistent cough are still in force. We will have to make some difficult decisions and maybe have some challenging conversations with families who are understandably under immense pressure. We ask that you please work with us as we do this.

Critical Workers Tiered List

Tier 1 (in no particular order)	Tier 2 (in no particular order)	Tier 3 (in no particular order)	Tier 4 (in no particular order)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctors • Nurses • Midwives • Paramedics • Social Workers • Care workers • NHS staff based in all hospital sectors • Machine workers producing medicines / medical personal protective equipment • Support and specialist staff as part of medical administrative support who categorically cannot work from home • School staff and school catering staff who must remain active during the COVID-19 to deliver this approach • Essential food / grocery distributors • Essential food / grocery processors / producers • Essential food / grocery delivery drivers • Essential food / grocery shop sales assistants • Police and support staff • Ministry of Defence civilians • Contractor and armed forces personnel who are critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the COVID-19 pandemic • Fire and rescue service employees (including support staff) • Workers responsible for the management of the deceased 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health & social care supplies chain workers • Support and specialist staff as part of medical administrative support who could work from home • Those involved in the production, distribution, sale and delivery of hygienic or veterinary medicines • Oil, gas, electricity and water (including sewerage) workers • National Crime Agency staff • Border security • Prison and probation staff • Other national security roles including those overseas • Waste disposal sector workers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those running the justice system • Air and road workers • Freight transport workers operating through COVID-19 responses • Telecommunications technical support staff for 999 and 111 call centres • Specialist education professionals who aren't school based • Civil nuclear and chemical workers* • Network operation and field engineering workers • Payment providers • Charity workers providing support and relief in relation to COVID-19 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religious staff • Journalists providing public service broadcasting • Broadcasters providing public service broadcasting • Local and national government administrators delivering essential public services such as the payment of benefits including in government agencies and arms-length bodies. • Rail passenger workers • Essential financial services provision (including but not limited to banks, building societies, financial market infrastructure) • Information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the COVID-19 response • Postal services and delivery workers

*** Workers in BAE and Sellafield have received direct emails if they are deemed to be critical workers. We will require a copy of this email.**

Vulnerable Child Tiered List (A child who is/has...)		
Tier 1 (in no particular order)	Tier 2 (in no particular order)	Tier 3 (in no particular order)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An EHCP • An assigned social worker • Currently Looked After 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A young carer • Previously had an assigned social worker • Subject to an active Early Help 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previously been Looked After • Eligible for Free School Meals/Pupil Premium

For children attending a hub, the following measures/precautions must be taken:

- Uniform is not required although fresh clothes must be worn each day – we recommend putting clothes straight in the washing machine once returning home from school to minimise and control the spread of infection.
- Ensure children bring a coat, gloves (to handle outdoor equipment), a packed lunch including drinks bottle.
- Up to date contact details for family members must be made available to school and emergency contact details should your child become poorly/exhibit symptoms of contracting coronavirus.
- We must register your child in and out of school by an adult who either has parental responsibility or has been nominated by yourselves, as long as you are all fit and well and not showing symptoms of coronavirus.
- If you become unwell with coronavirus symptoms, you must immediately contact school and arrange for immediate collection of your child.
- Social distancing must be enforced whilst your child is not attending school if we are to prevent/minimise the spread of infection. We cannot emphasise this enough. This is to keep your family and our staff safe.
- School must be informed if you no longer fall within the critical worker list or you have been asked to self-isolate.
- Thorough hand washing to take place at home just before leaving the home and on entering school.

