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COVID-19 Week 4 Update/May Bank Holiday Provision

Dear Parents/Carers

Whether your child is in school or learning at home, we hope you all coping given the current circumstances.

Previous guidance remains in place in relation to:

* Government Guidance on self-isolation, household isolation and social distancing.
* The Key Message about children staying at home where possible and eligibility for accessing a school place
* Provision Arrangements for eligible vulnerable children and eligible children of parents of critical workers
* School Meals and Voucher Scheme
* Home Learning - You may be aware that there are new comprehensive Learning Resources on BBC Bitesize and Oak National Academy. These resources offer structured lessons, timetables and learning so may be useful as time goes on.

 What if my child does not have access to online learning?

We have put a limited number of printed copies of Summer 1 learning packs outside the main entrance for parents/carers that requested them. These work packs continue to be available to collect from the main entrance, please email becky.hawkins@wallsendjubileeps if you require one. This pack is to be used by your child to record tasks set by your child’s class teachers and any additional activities taken from online resources. The pack can also be used for any other learning your child completes. Please email becky.hawkins@wallsendjubileeps if your child does not have access to the internet at home and you are unable to collect a work pack. In these circumstances, we will endeavour to deliver these to you as they are updated. Likewise, please let us know if you need a new book or stationary and we will gladly assist.

 Transitional Arrangements- 2020-21 Academic Year:

Last week, we signposted to a letter which welcomes and provides information to Parent/Carers of a Reception Child due to start in September 2020-21. This can be found on the school website.

Whilst, it is still too early to know if it will be necessary to do anything different, parents of Y6 pupils may be re-assured to know that Primary School Heads have been working with High School Heads to discuss arrangements/permutations for pupils moving to High School at the end of this academic year. Likewise, we will be considering transition and how we can share information for all pupils as they move from one academic year to another. More detail will be shared, as required, if arrangements are to be changed.

Advice and Contact Details:

We are seeking to communicate regularly via our website, letter, text and Twitter. For more general advice, North Tyneside Council have created a Coronavirus (COVID-19) page on their website with lots of useful information and contacts.

We would be happy to respond to any queries from any of our parents/carers. If you need to contact us, please phone (01918141601) or email office@wallsendjubileeps.org.uk.

May Bank Holiday (Friday 8th May) Provision for Eligible Pupils:

We are now in a position to look at the guidelines which currently state that “*we (the government) are asking schools, wherever possible, to maintain provision for children of workers critical to the COVID-19 response.*” At this stage, we are seeking to scope the level demand for Friday 8th May**.** The key principles set out in the flow chart below would apply “If your work is critical to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors listed in the guidance, and you cannot keep your child safe at home then your children will be prioritised for education provision.”



I am grateful and indebted to school staff that have volunteered to forgo their Bank Holiday in order to facilitate the provision but I would sincerely hope that all alternative avenues could be explored before requesting provision during the May Bank holiday. We respectfully ask that when a critical worker is working from home or where there is another parent or responsible carer in the home then children should stay at home. We anticipate that take-up will be very low and that it may not be necessary to open the school.

Should you have no alternative please complete the form below and return via email to school. This form must be returned by 3:15pm on Friday 1st May. We will communicate further on May Bank Holiday arrangements in due course.

To conclude:

Once again, I would like to thank everybody involved with the school (staff, governors, parents/carers and, above all, our children) for their support and consideration during this difficult period. At this stage we are unsure whether current measures will continue or be adjusted but we will provide a response to any developments as soon as we are able to. Please continue to sustain the care and consideration you show for one another at this time.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Harrison

Head Teacher

Mrs R Hawkins

Deputy Head Teacher

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| **Wallsend Jubilee Primary School****May bank Holiday Provision Eligibility Form**  |
| **Name of child** |  | **Class** |  |
| **Date of Birth** |  | **Home Address:** |
| **Please tick the date that you will need your child to be in educational provision.**  |
| **Friday 8th May** |  |
| **Name of Key Worker living at the home address** |  |
| **Key Worker Job and Employer Name****(Taken from the critical sector listed in the guidance)** |  |
| **Please ask your manager to complete the rest of this form:** |
| 1. I can confirm that the employee named above, based on our business continuity arrangements, and their specific role, is necessary for the continuation of an essential public service **throughout 8th May Bank Holiday**
2. I can also confirm that the employee named above is not working from home **throughout 8th May Bank Holiday**
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| **Name of Person Completing the Form** |  |
| **Role of Person Completing the Form** |  |
| **Contact details of the Person Completing the Form** |  |

**Please complete this form for any parent or responsible carer living at the same home address of the child requiring provision.**

Return this form to the school by Friday 1st May 3:15pm

To: office@wallsendjubileeps.org.uk