

Dear Parents & Carers

You have requested access to childcare provision at school over the coming weeks. Following the publication of Guidance for schools, colleges and local authorities on maintaining educational provision, schools are being asked to continue to provide care for a limited number of children - children who are vulnerable and children whose parents are critical to the Covid-19 response and cannot be safely cared for at home. Parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined below. 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. This is an offer to parents and carers and there is no requirement for parents and carers to send their children to school if they do not need or wish to do so.

Please, therefore, follow these key principles:

1. If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.
2. If a child needs specialist support, is vulnerable or has a parent who is a critical worker, then educational provision will be available for them.
3. Parents should not rely for childcare upon those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category such as grandparents, friends, or family members with underlying conditions.
4. Parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults.

If you still require childcare provision with us from Monday 23rd March please complete the attached google form with your emergency contact details and whether you will require us to provide lunch.

[CLICK HERE](#)

If you require to alter your requested days then please email Mr Long ([ian.long@felton.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:ian.long@felton.northumberland.sch.uk)) at your earliest convenience.

Details of how to contact the provision from Monday will be sent to you as soon as possible. We have a rota of available staff on each day and will of course let you know immediately if for any reason we are unable to provide care at school on a given day. We hope that if that situation were to arise we may be able to signpost you to other providers in the area, more details on this will follow.

It is imperative that we all continue to follow government advice regarding self isolation if staff or you or a member of you family have symptoms related to COVID-19. Should a child in our care or an adult looking after them in our provision, display any of the associated symptoms they will be sent home and all families accessing our provision will be informed that this has happened.

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