

Dear All

I am emailing to confirm what childcare provision, if any, you will need next week. I know that many of you have advised me that you will not require childcare for the duration of the lockdown, however circumstances change and if this is the case I would be grateful if you could let me know.

In order to prevent bringing staff into school if there are no children requiring care on a particular day, please reply to this email with which days from Monday 20th to Friday 24th you will require childcare for your child/children in school. **If I do not receive a reply I will assume no requirement at this stage. But if your needs change over the coming week please let me know as soon as possible.**

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.

Obviously, if there is a need for care in school then if at all possible we will be there to provide it! If for any reason we are unable to open the school we will signpost children to other schools in the area with whom we have agreed a support plan.

Please **do not** send your child to school if they or you display any of the symptoms associated with COVID-19, this will ensure that we are able to continue to provide our service to those who require it

Please also remember the recent advice from Government:

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 childcare 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.

Many thanks for your assistance in this.

Iain

Iain Long
Office Manager

Felton C of E Primary School
Mouldshaugh Lane
Felton
Morpeth
Northumberland
NE65 9PY