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Dear Parents and Carers,

**Re: Hub Provision from 1st June 2020**

Further to the communication from Liverpool City Council last week, I am contacting you regarding the school continuing to operate as a hub. The school will be closed from Monday 25th – Friday 29th May. It will continue to operate as a hub from Monday 1st June.

The school has been operating as a hub for the children of key workers and for our vulnerable pupils throughout the lock-down. From 1st June, we will continue to operate in this capacity with the following changes:

1) The hub will be accessible to the children of key workers from Barlows Primary School **only** - previously we have taken in children from across the city.

2) The hub will change its operating hours to be in-line with normal school times and will be open from **8:45am - 3:30pm.**

The hub will continue to operate as a childcare provision. The school will not be operating with traditional class based lessons.

**Please take note of the following:**

* Pupils are to continue wearing their own clothes from home. This is to promote the wearing of clean clothes every day. This is not always possible with school uniform.
* Pupils can be dropped off and collected at any time between 8:45am and 3:30pm.
* Only **one** adult is to drop off and collect children from the hub.
* Pupils will need to have had breakfast at home before coming to the hub.
* Pupils in Nursery to Year 2 will be entitled to a free school lunch.
* For pupils in Year 3 upwards, parents and carers will have to pay for a school lunch.
* Pupils can bring a packed lunch from home.
* If your child is going to arrive after 10am and you want them to have a school lunch, please notify the office staff in advance. This is because we need to confirm school lunch numbers with our caterers by 10am.

We already know of families who will continue to access the provision. However, if you plan to do so and have not accessed our childcare provision before, you will need to come to the schoolto collect and complete the registration forms. Please note, you will need to provide the key worker letter from your employer and provide your line manager'scontact details.

**The categories of key-worker families and vulnerable children able to access the hub are as follows:**

1. NHS staff; social workers, care workers, health and social care staff and those required to maintain the sector; teachers, specialist education professionals and nursery staff; staff essential to the operation of the justice system; staff involved in the management of the deceased; administrative staff in local and central government essential to the delivery of the COVID-19 response or the delivery of essential public services, such as the payment of benefits. This includes government agencies and arms-length bodies; staff delivering essential public services such as payment of benefits; staff involved in the distribution of food or other key goods; police and police support staff; fire and rescue staff and support staff; transport workers; utilities workers; probation staff; IT staff necessary to support Covid-19 response; payment providers; waste disposal service presumably including refuse collection; armed forces personnel; MoD civilian staff and contractors; National Crime Agency; border security; national security staff; religi ons and charity staff; journalists and broadcasters; university staff working in a research role to help fight Covid-19 to the list of eligible workers.

       2. Children with an Educational Healthcare Plan who have had a recent risk assessment.

       3. Families currently receiving support from a social worker.

Parents/Carers of pupils with SEND

For those pupils who have designated 1:1 support from a key adult, we cannot guarantee that the 1:1 adult will be available, and/or there will be enough staff to provide 1:1 support throughout the day. Therefore, please give consideration as to whether your child could successfully manage a mixed-age childcare setting, coupled with differing staff and a potential reduction in 1:1 support.

If considered safe to do so, the school will re-open to pupils in Year 6 on Monday 15th June. Please note, the hub **will** continue to provide childcare for the children of key workers who are not in Year 6.

Yours sincerely

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