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Childcare for the children of key workers

Dear Parent / Carers,

As you are eligible as a key worker Burnhope Primary School is able to offer childcare to allow you, as an essential worker, to go to work. Staff will be able to look after your child between 8:50 – 3:15 Monday – Friday starting on Monday 23rd March.

Unfortunately, during the Easter holidays we will be unable to provide childcare. This is due to essential building work taking place which will mean the building is out of action for pupils and staff. I'm sure you have noticed that we have been waiting for work on our ceiling to take place for the past 3 years. However, if you do require childcare during the Easter holidays another local school has agreed to accept our pupils. Please contact me directly via email (burnhope@durhamlearning.net) if you require further information about this provision.

If you have not already replied to the online form regarding the hours you require child care please can you click on the link to provide this information.

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The activities your child will be taking part in will be different to 'normal' lessons. Firstly, there will only be around 15 children from our school population accessing this provision. In order to limit the possible spread of COVID-19 we will be dividing the children into two groups, Nursery – Year 2 and Year 3 – Year 6. This will also make it easier to plan for age appropriate activities.

The children might be supervised by a member of school staff who is not their usual teacher or teaching assistant, although every effort has been made to keep staff with their usual age range.

Uniform during this time will be optional, the children might be making and doing, accessing outdoor learning or taking part in some PE. As long as your child is dressed for the weather, then what they wear is your choice. However, you might feel that sticking with school uniform is the easiest option.

At this point we can only provide a packed lunch as a school meal. If your child is in Reception -Year 2 it is our understanding that they will still receive a universal free school meal. If your child is in Nursery or Y3-6 the usual charge will apply - £2.05 a day. Alternatively you can send your child with a packed lunch from home.

There will be some element of teaching basic skills each day but it is our intention to make the activities as fun and practical as possible.

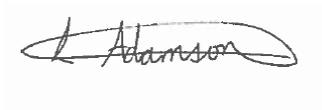
Children should arrive via the main entrance and wash their hands as they enter school. We will be encouraging regular hand washing throughout the day.

If your child displays any symptoms of COVID-19, that is, a high temperature or cough, we will contact you to arrange to have your child collected and ask you to self-isolate your family for 14 days.

I hope that you have found this information helpful. If you have any further queries please email me at burnhope@durhamlearning.net or send a message via Class Dojo. I will be in school to greet the children on Monday morning.

Please take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely



Mrs L Adamson
Headteacher

