



Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Thank you for your quick response to the request for information regarding 'Key Workers.' This information has been passed on to the Local Authority, who have asked us to proceed as follows:

Ysgol Trelawnyd VA School will be open next week, beginning Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, to provide provision for children whose parents are vital workers, if they are either:

- **A single parent, or**
- **Both parents are vital workers**

We are waiting to hear which jobs now come under the title of "vital workers", as there are different messages being given. We are following the advice of Flintshire County Council and the Welsh Government.

The expectation is that any child who can safely be cared for at home should be and it is in exceptional circumstances that you will need to access this provision. The purpose of school closure is ultimately to reduce social contact. The fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in the wider society.

At this stage, we have been asked to open between 8:00am and 5:30pm in order to provide this essential provision. This situation will be under review as the week develops.

We will continue to follow the latest Welsh Government and Public Health Wales advice and guidance when considering our provision, particularly with regard to social distancing and self-isolation, see link: <https://gov.wales/coronavirus>

In light of this decision, NEWydd Catering (our school meals provider) will be able to provide a cold meal to cater for children attending the essential provision.

The school transport network will continue to operate next week.

Please be advised that this plan is subject to change as the situation continues to evolve. However, the Council's Emergency Planning Team are clear that this arrangement will be in place for one week and planning towards the implementation of the Resilience Hubs will continue, with a view to implementation w/b Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March.

Thank you for your patience and understanding whilst we await further information.

Kind regards,

Miss M Parsons

Headteacher