



19 March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Following the announcements concerning school closures, the headteachers of the Seaton Valley Learning Partnership have met and formulated this joint response. We have unanimously agreed the following provision, which is solely offered to pupils in the three categories defined by the government and listed below-

- Category 1 any pupil with an EHCP;
- Category 2 any pupil with an allocated social worker;
- Category 3 any pupil who is the child of a key worker.

The arrangements for each school are as follows-

- Astley High School, Whytrig Middle School and Seaton Sluice Middle School pupils will be based at Whytrig Middle School;
- Seaton Sluice First School and New Hartley First School pupils will be based at Seaton Sluice First School;
- Holywell Village First School and Seaton Delaval First School pupils (Nursery to Year 4) will be based at Seaton Delaval First School;
- Seghill First School pupils will be based at Seghill First School.

The care provision that we are offering is from 9:00am to 3:00pm daily (9am to Midday for Nursery where applicable). Information about lunchtime arrangements will be provided at a later date, however please provide a packed lunch and a morning snack for your child for the first two days.

Staff from each school will supervise their pupils at the host school.

All pupils should attend in non-uniform and dressed in practical clothes and footwear.

It is the responsibility of the parent to inform the host school if the child is not attending that day.

Please note that the normal curriculum has been suspended; this is care provision only. Each host school will make arrangements for the activities that the children will undertake.

Not all key workers will require care for their children, in which case they are asked to contribute to 'social distancing' by making their own arrangements. Further advice on 'Key Workers' will be circulated once official advice has been received.

We will be reviewing this provision on a regular basis and in line with directives from the government, so please be aware that this provision may change. All schools are working very hard at this very challenging time and appreciate your support in the matter.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Parents and Carers

Please see overleaf the letter from all partnership headteachers explaining the provision that we are going to offer from Monday 23 March.

We are able to open school and offer places to children in the three categories defined by the government and listed below-

- Category 1 any pupil with an EHCP;
- Category 2 any pupil with an allocated social worker;
- Category 3 any pupil who is the child of a key worker.

We are aware of the children who have an **EHCP** or who have an **allocated social worker**. If your child has an EHCP or a social worker, please see me by **10:00am tomorrow** to confirm if you would like your child to attend school from next week.

We are not aware of which children have parents who are **key workers**, nor do we have a precise definition of "key worker". If you believe you are a key worker, please see me by **10:00am tomorrow** to confirm if you would like your child to attend school from next week.

I will be outside the school office at 8:35am or I can be contacted by telephone. Please note that if your child is in one of the three categories, it is up to you to decide whether to take up the offer of a place for your child. If you decline the offer, it will not be made available to you at a later date. If you accept the offer, your child should come to school unless they show symptoms of Coronavirus, you decide to self-isolate or they are unwell.

I realise that it is a very unsettling time for everyone, and especially those of you whose children do not fall in to any of the three categories. The arrangements we have had to put in place are in direct response to advice from the government and must be done to limit the spread of Coronavirus. If we were allowed to stay open to all pupils and this could be done safely, I assure you that we would.

We will update our website and send out information via Parentmail if there are any changes to the current arrangements.

Whether your child will be at school next week or not, I wish to thank you for support, especially over the recent weeks, and hope that you all stay well.

Yours sincerely
Miss Chappell
Headteacher