**20.03.20**

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Provision provided by the school for children of critical workers from Tuesday 24th March 2020**

As you know from 3:00pm today the school is closed to ALL pupils.

We will be providing provision as outlined in the Government guidance. Please see

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

We will be starting this on **Tuesday 24th March** so that we can be prepared for this.

This provision is following these the key principles. These are to protect yourselves and the wider community:

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 educational 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.

So we will be providing provision for you **when you are working and there are no other options for child care for you as a key critical worker**.

We need to plan effectively for this provision so please follow these guidelines so we can do this as effectively as possible:

1. This provision will be from 8:50 – 3:15pm (school opening hours)
2. We will collect children from Madron at 8:30 and return to Madron after school at 3:30pm
3. Inform us by email to [head@st-madderns.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:head@st-madderns.cornwall.sch.uk) when you need this provision for next week. You MUST tell us the day before you need this provision.
4. We will need some proof of your occupation to prove you are a critical key worker.
5. Please let us know the days and hours you are working. **We can only provide child care for when you are working.**
6. Children need to bring a packed lunch unless they are entitled to free school meals
7. Children do not need to wear school uniform. Please bring in PE kit.
8. Children will not be following the national curriculum, these are child care arrangements.

Thank you in advance for cooperating on this at this challenging time,

Yours sincerely,

Hilary Tyreman