

Tuesday, 31st March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Covid-19 (Coronavirus)-childcare supervision for children of key workers and vulnerable children**

Firstly, I hope that this letter finds you safe, well and taking full notice for the government guidance on social distancing and self-isolation where appropriate. I have included the link to the latest guidance on this should you need it: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults>

Thank you to parents and carers who have ensured that the ESSENTIAL childcare provision that we have provided to children of CRITICAL key workers and vulnerable students has continued to be for a **very small number** meaning that we can limit the amount of staff needing to offer supervision. This helps to keep more people safe.

As per government guidance, we will continue to provide this for as long as we are required. Below is a link to the booking form for this provision and we ask that this is completed by **4pm on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April** for the dates Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> April until Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> April. Please note, this provision is not available on bank holidays.

**Link to booking form:**

<https://forms.gle/KxnLc5FtioB9AiL39>

**Please can I reiterate the government advice which is that the safest place for ALL children at this time is at home and you should only send your child to the Hub if there are NO OTHER CHILDCARE OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO YOU and for the MINIMUM possible time.**

Your child is much more protected at home than being in school and at this time, we must all heed advice regarding social distancing.

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If you do require the childcare provision and your child or anyone you live with has any of the symptoms below you must follow [guidance to stay at home](#) and you **must not send your child to this provision**:

- A new, continuous cough and/or
- A high temperature (above 37.8)

### **Arrangements for the provision**

If you are eligible and have booked your child in for childcare supervision next week, the arrangements will be as follows:

- Students should arrive and go to the Main Reception at Penrice Academy where they will be signed in.
- Parents and carers **must not** enter the school building and will instead be met by a member of staff outside
- Students do not need to wear uniform however they must be dressed appropriately to work in a school environment (no bare skin showing please)
- Students will be given access to the work set by their class teachers and supervised to complete it or provided with Easter challenges to complete. If they have work packs, they should bring these in with them
- Snacks and lunch will be provided. If they wish, students may bring food to school with them to eat at designated times
- On each day, there will be some form of physical activity. Please send your child with trainers to support this
- Students will be allowed to sign out at the time parents and carers have requested
- If your child does not arrive at the time that they have been booked in for, our safeguarding team will contact you.

Many thanks for your continued support at this time.

Yours sincerely,



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