

What is Newport's Approach to Re-purposing Schools?

To stay safe and get through this together by:

1. Supporting our community in providing childcare for key workers to the best of our ability and where there is no viable alternative.

Eligible parents of mainstream school children who are currently in Reception to Year 7 can apply for a place for childcare provision that will begin on Wednesday, 25th March 2020. Places should not be requested for children who, based on government advice, should be self-isolating or socially distancing.

These applications must be resubmitted every two weeks. This will allow those who are exiting social isolation to potentially access a place and enable schools to adjust their provision as their own staffing availability changes.

Eligibility is:

- Single parents who are employed as specific key workers
- Where both parents are employed as specific key workers

Due to the limited capacity of schools, initially places will only be considered for the following key worker groups:

- Health and Social Care
- Education and Childcare
- Public Safety and National Security

Once there is a clear picture of the demand and availability of places, other key worker groups will be considered.

Children will need to bring a packed lunch except those eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) who will be given lunch.

Pupil transport will not be available during this period unless it is for a specific child who is accessing transport to Maes Ebbw School or Ysgol Bryn Derw.

Schools will not be delivering formal learning but are operating a childcare facility.

Parents can apply for a two-week place in the cluster provisions using a standard form sent to the following email address: School.Admissions@newport.gov.uk

The application form is available from Newport City Council Website from Saturday March 21st 2020.

Parents will be informed by individual schools if they have a place by Tuesday 24th March. Dates for further confirmation will be issued in the following week.

Some schools may be able to provide childcare during the Easter holiday. This will be reviewed and communicated in the week before the official Easter break.

An overview of the planned provision across Newport is detailed in the following table. This may change based on staff availability. Provision will operate between 8.30-3.30pm unless advised by an individual school.

| Cluster High School | Provision |
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| Bassaleg School | <p>All individual primary schools are accepting applications from eligible parents of their existing pupils.</p> <p>Year 7 learners can apply for a place in their former primary school or their closest primary school within the cluster if they are new to the Bassaleg Cluster.</p> |
| Caerleon Comprehensive | All individual schools in the cluster are accepting applications from eligible parents of their existing pupils. |
| Llanwern High | Alway Primary School will host a childcare facility on behalf of the cluster. Staff from schools across the cluster will be supporting this provision. |
| Lliswerry High | Lliswerry Primary school will host a childcare facility on behalf of the cluster. Staff from schools across the cluster will be supporting this provision. |
| Newport High | <p>Monnow Primary School and Malpas Court Primary School will host a childcare hub on behalf of the cluster.</p> <p><u>Malpas Court Hub</u> Malpas Court Primary Malpas Park Primary Malpas Church Primary Crindau Primary Newport High staff</p> <p><u>Monnow Hub</u> Monnow Primary Millbrook Primary Newport High pupils Ysgol Ifor Hael Ysgol Bro Teyrnnon</p> <p>Staff from schools across the cluster will be supporting this provision.</p> |
| St Joseph's High | <p>All cluster primary schools are accepting applications from eligible parents of their existing pupils.</p> <p>Year 7 learners can apply for a place in their former primary school or their closest primary school within the cluster if they are new to the St Joseph's High cluster.</p> |
| St Julian's School | St Julian's High School will host a childcare facility on behalf of the cluster. Staff from all cluster schools will be present supporting children from their own school. |
| The John Frost School | All individual primary schools are accepting applications from eligible parents of their existing pupils. |

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| | Year 7 learners can apply for a place in their former primary school or their closest primary school within the cluster if they are new to the The John Frost School Cluster. |
| Ysgol Gyfun Gwent Is Coed | The staff of all Welsh-medium schools will support the geographical cluster in which their schools are located. Parents can apply to hubs within the Newport High (YG Bro Terynon and YG Ifor Hael), Llanwern (YG Casnewydd) or, in the case of year 7 children, The John Frost School cluster. |
| Maes Ebbw School | The school is accepting applications for eligible parents of their existing pupil of all ages. |
| Ysgol Bryn Derw | The school is accepting applications for eligible parents of their existing pupil of all ages. |

We recognise that the need for child care extends beyond the normal school day. To support with this, Newport Live will provide access to child care for eligible key workers whose children are between 5 and 12 years of age. This will be available at Newport International Sports Village's Pool and Tennis Centre from 4pm to 10pm each weekday and 8am and 8pm on weekends. To access this child care, applications will need to be made direct to Newport Live, with details of this being available next week.

2. Feeding children who are entitled to Free School Meals.

From Monday 23rd March, the Council in conjunction with Chartwells, is establishing a series of 10 free school meal hubs across the City. These will be located at each secondary school, plus Llanmartin Primary School. As a result, any child who is eligible for free school meals will be able to attend any hub setting (times to be agreed locally) to collect a lunch which initially will consist of a sandwich, a packet of crisps, a snack and a piece of fruit. Whilst we are unable to arrange delivery to children who are self-isolating or socially distancing, affected families can make local arrangements for someone else to attend and collect on their behalf. Schools are arranging to share this message across their clusters as soon as possible. The schools will be:

- The John Frost School
- Newport High School
- St Julian's High School
- Caerleon Comprehensive School
- Bassaleg School
- St Joseph's RC High School
- Llanwern High School
- Gwent Iscoed
- Lliswerry High School
- Llanmartin Primary School

3. Supporting teaching and learning via on line resources.

This support will come from each pupil's individual school.

4. Checking on our most vulnerable children as frequently as possible.

There are a wide range of children which fall into a vulnerable group category. School staff and other key partners will work together to ensure our most vulnerable children are contacted so that we know that they are safe and well during this challenging time.

5. Preparing Information for GCSE, AS and A level qualifications.

Our secondary schools are awaiting key information from Qualifications Wales to instruct teachers on how they will go about determining GCSE, AS and A level grades. The details of this have not been shared to date.

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