

Key Information: Pupils and Parents/Carers – Friday 20th March 2020

Bishop Vaughan Cluster of Schools:



Bishop Vaughan, St. Illtyd's, St. David's, St. Joseph's Cathedral School, St. Joseph's Clydach

All Catholic schools will be open next week for emergency childcare of key workers (definition of 'key worker' link: <https://www.swansea.gov.uk/coronavirusadvice>). This provision will be for pupils aged 3-14 years.

- **Primary age children** may attend their usual school or any other of the primary schools (e.g. if another is closer to the parent workplace)
- **Bishop Vaughan pupils** (up to the age of 14) may attend Bishop Vaughan, or any of the primary schools (e.g. if siblings attend a primary/ if a primary school is closer to the parent workplace)
- **Year 5 and 6 pupils** from any of the cluster primaries may attend Bishop Vaughan if it is closer to the parent workplace

The purpose of this provision is emergency childcare. There will be **no educational provision** on site, therefore those children not accessing it will not miss any educational provision whatsoever.

Parents should only use this provision when actually **attending their workplace to carry out their essential roles**. The reason for school closures has been to reduce virus spread through social distancing. Any non-essential use of this provision increases the risk to the health of the whole community.

If parents are expected to work at home at this time, they should NOT send their children to this emergency childcare provision at school. This again would increase the level of risk to their own children and to those of essential workers such as NHS staff unnecessarily.

The latest Government guidelines state that the safest option for children is to remain at home.

Breakfast, lunch and snacks will be provided, though parents/ carers may choose to supply their child with a packed lunch. School uniform is not required as formal education will not be taking place.

Emergency Childcare Forms to request this provision can be accessed here (<https://www.bishopvaughan.co.uk/forms>), and all settings will need full contact details to be supplied even if the child accessing the provision is already a pupil of the school. These forms also ask parents to indicate the days this provision will be required, however this is simply to assess need and aid planning and each setting will accept changes to this as required.