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Dear Parents/Carers

Re Newport 'Childcare Hubs'

On Wednesday afternoon, the Cabinet Secretary for Education in Wales, Kirsty Williams, issued a statement regarding school closures. The Minister stated, 'From next week, schools will have a new purpose: they will help support those most in need, including people involved in the immediate response to the coronavirus outbreak. I am working with my colleagues in the Cabinet, with government officials and our partners in local government to develop and finalise these plans.'

In order to support pupils, Newport local authority is organising a system of 'Childcare Hubs'. This system aims to provide care for children whose parents are critical to the Covid-19 response and cannot be safely cared for at home. As a Catholic cluster, we are working with our primary schools and with the local authority to provide a hub to support these pupils. We have limited information at present but we do know that the Childcare Hubs will be in operation from Wednesday 25th March. There will be a full press release later this evening explaining how to apply for a childcare place through Newport Admissions.

It has been an extremely turbulent and emotional time and I would like to thank everyone for their messages of support and encouragement during this period.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Jarrett
Headteacher

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