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Headteacher/Pennaeth: **Mr. S Rayer**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well and under these extraordinary circumstances, you have had a good Easter.

School has continued to provide emergency childcare for all the key workers whose job has been critical to the COVID19 response. I'm sure you will agree that they are all doing an outstanding job. And of course everyone is playing their part in the response by keeping safe, following government advice and staying indoors.

Our school is now one of two sites across the city that are providing emergency child care for 12 hours a day, 7 days a week. School staff will continue to support the childcare we currently have in place Monday to Friday during the day and the NCC Youth Service will support evenings and weekends.

Those families that have already been accessing the childcare at Rogerstone can email me should you wish to access this additional provision. For families who think they may be eligible and have not yet accessed our childcare, please see the NCC website for application details.

Our distant learning materials for the children will be available again from Monday. There is currently no change in the provision we'll provide and we will continue to celebrate any work shared via Twitter or via email (distantlearning@rogerstoneprimary.com).

We have not had any further update or direction from Welsh Government around the distant learning provision schools provide. However, the provision we will provide will evolve over the coming weeks (assuming we're not back in school of course). I will keep you updated with how this will look as and when we make changes. Our main aim remains the same - keeping all our children interested and stimulated.

Many of you have been doing an outstanding job with this by involving your children in lots of experiential learning activities you have arranged at home. Don't underestimate what you are doing. For the children to have "hands-on" experiences, such as (as I have seen on Twitter), baking, gardening, wood working, cleaning etc. this is the cornerstone of what learning is all about. Well done everyone – and thank you!

For anyone who is having concerns with the wellbeing of your children at home, we have set up a telephone number that will be available to call on a Wednesday morning between 9am and 11am. A member of the school leadership team will answer and discuss your concerns with you. If need be, your concern will be passed on.



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The number is: 07871781093. This will be available from Wednesday 23rd April.

Again, thank you for all the kind words and messages you have been sending staff and myself. They are very much appreciated.

Look after yourselves and take care.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Rayer'.

Steve Rayer
Headteacher

