

Dear Parents/ carers

Re: Emergency childcare in school

I hope that you and your families are keeping well.

I wanted to update you on the emergency childcare arrangements in school. As the government has lifted some restrictions and starting to ease back on some social distancing measures, I am aware that many of you are now able to return to work. When we first entered lockdown, we offered our emergency childcare facility to all families if they met the criteria for keyworkers. We have been able to maintain that throughout the lockdown period.

However, following government advice we have now been able to welcome back our year 10 and year 12 students for face-to-face teaching on site. As a result we have had to relocate our emergency childcare group to the 'PE Hub' to ensure they are kept safe in their own social distancing 'bubble' from the other students accessing the site. This again follows government guidelines. Due to this, we are restricted in the number of students we can accommodate in this facility. All existing agreed places will be maintained but recently our numbers have grown and some days are now at capacity. If your work commitments increase and/or you are asked to return to work please bear in mind that automatic emergency childcare may not be available within the school setting for these reasons. It is essential that we keep our childcare group separate from other students and so we cannot locate a second group in the main building. We do not have any further separate external buildings that we can utilise so have had to restrict our maximum capacity.

If you would like to discuss this further then please contact me on emd@ifieldcc.co.uk.

Thank you for your understanding.

Kind regards



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