

22/5/20

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you and your families are safe and well during these difficult times. The Local Authority have decided to open 12 additional emergency childcare hubs and from the 1st June, Darran Park Primary School will be one of these Hubs for the children who attend the primary schools within the Ferndale Cluster. The Hub at Ferndale Community School will continue to be used for Secondary aged pupils.

As a result of these additional emergency childcare hubs opening after the Whitsun half-term, all school staff across the LA will be required to attend hubs on a far more regular basis. This increase in hubs is to address the growth in demand for emergency childcare across the County Borough. Please note that there is no official confirmation on when the re-opening of all schools in Wales will take place. We have however been provided with reassurance by the Minister of Education that a three week notice period will be given prior to any phased re-opening of schools. All national and local decisions will be informed by the current medical advice and guidance so that the health, safety and wellbeing of our children, school staff and communities is protected.

Please be aware that because of the increased demand on staff time to work at the emergency childcare hubs weekly, there will be a need for all staff to ensure the quantity of distance learning is balanced fairly against their hub commitments so they are able to successfully achieve the requirements of both these roles.

Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C.Coole