



# Berry Pomeroy

## Parochial CE Primary School

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### Key worker childcare

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Friday, we contacted key worker parents who said they required childcare at Collaton St. Mary Primary School, as they were considered critical in the COVID-19 response. The reason for this change of setting was due to the shortage of Berry Pomeroy staff available to keep our own school open.

Unfortunately, Collaton's staffing capacity has now reduced and they are unable to provide the provision they had intended. From Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March, childcare will only be available for pupils who meet the following criteria:

- **Both** parents are grouped as critical workers towards the COVID-19 response
- A **single parent** (e.g. a mum or dad who has sole responsibility for their child/children) who is grouped as a critical worker towards the COVID-19 response
- **Vulnerable pupils** – the school will contact these parents

I appreciate that this may prove problematic for parents but the current government advice states that: **"parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend."**

If you are a parent who still meets the criteria, please use the school provision only when absolutely needed to help stop the spread of the virus. If you are unsure whether you meet the criteria, please email [nlast@berry-pom.devon.sch.uk](mailto:nlast@berry-pom.devon.sch.uk) and I will endeavour to answer your questions. The school office will be in touch in the next few days to review your current circumstances and requirements for next week. It is vital that we keep numbers to an absolute minimum in order to reduce the risk and to keep our remaining staff safe.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience in the matter and wish you all good health in these uncertain times.

Yours sincerely,  
Natalie Last  
Headteacher