

Dear parents/carers,

24.3.20

### **Ellon Academy Up-date for parents/carers – 24.3.20**

#### **Category 1 Keyworkers:**

Acting on instructions from Aberdeenshire Council today, from tomorrow (Wed 25.3.20), Ellon Academy is no longer a hub for childcare for Category 1 Keyworkers due to the lack of up-take. There were no pupils accessing this service yesterday (Mon 23<sup>rd</sup>) or today (Tues 24<sup>th</sup>). However, this does not affect the provision at Balmedie Primary School which is, for the moment, the designated Category 1 Keyworker Hub for the Ellon catchment primary aged pupils.

#### **Free School Meals:**

Despite the change of status for Cat 1 Keyworkers children, this does not affect access to Free School Meals.

Packed lunches for all pupils (primary and secondary) who are entitled to Free School Meals, will still be available from Ellon Academy. These can be picked up from the front main reception area between 12pm and 1pm, where catering staff will be on hand to distribute lunches for taking away.

#### **Pupils working at home:**

As you know, we are encouraging our pupils to work from home by accessing materials and resources posted by their teachers on-line. Please remind your child/children that they don't have to complete everything posted all in one week. We are encouraging our pupils to pace themselves and not attempt to do everything at once, but we are encouraged at how motivated our learners are 😊. Our teachers will continue to post online resources, but we ask that parents/carers bear with us in finding mechanisms for feedback on pupils' work, which can prove to be challenging in light of ICT access and GDPR considerations. Our staff are working incredibly hard to ensure there is plenty for our pupils to do.

Once again, take care in these unprecedented and difficult times.

Yours sincerely,

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