

'A Caring Christian Family Where We Grow Together'

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Dear Parents/ Carers

Linked Childcare Households

Following the new Government guidance for Cheshire East being a High-Risk Area (Tier 2), we have received a few enquiries re Grandparents/friends picking children up from school. The guidance we have been provided with by the LA is as follows: -

Households with a child under 13yrs are allowed to link with another household if:

- **neither household is linked with another household**
- **all adult members of the household agree**

The arrangement would need to stop when the children are over the age of 13.

Once the linked household arrangement stops neither household can join with another household.

There are exceptions from legal gatherings limits for registered childcare, education or training, and supervised activities provided for children, including wraparound care, youth groups and activities, and children's playgroups. This means you can continue to use early years and childcare settings, including childminders, after-school clubs and nannies.

The following people can provide childcare support in private homes and gardens:

- **registered childcare providers, including nannies**
- **people in your support**
- **people in your childcare bubble**

A childcare bubble is where someone in one household provides informal (unpaid and unregistered) childcare to a child aged 13 or under in another household. For any given childcare bubble, this must always be between the same 2 households.

Friends or family who do not live with you and are not part of a support or childcare bubble must not visit your home to help with childcare. Childcare bubbles are to be used to provide childcare only, and not for the purposes of different households mixing where they are otherwise not allowed to do so.

Please could I ask that you confirm with the school office via email, where you have a Linked Childcare Household arrangement established. Please reference in your email the name/names of the children in school and the name/names of the person collecting as the Linked Childcare.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Kind regards

N M Badger

