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## **QUESTIONS AT ANY TIME TO HEADS OF SERVICE**

<b>Question From:</b>	County Councillor Gareth Ratcliffe
<b>Subject:</b>	Key holder issues in Gwernyfed cluster
<b>Question To:</b>	Interim Head of Education

### **Question:**

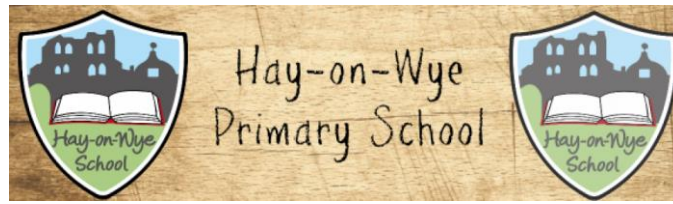
Please see attached a copy of a letter sent to PCC late last year. I attended a governors meeting this evening [01/02/22], and we are yet to receive an official response.

Please can this be addressed, and a response is sent asap?

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Dear Fellow Head teacher and Chairs of Governing Bodies,

RE: SCHOOL SITE SECURITY & KEY HOLDERS

Following an in-depth discussion at a meeting of our full Governing Body yesterday evening, it was agreed that I should write to voice concerns about the following:-

1. personal security of key holders who are called to school in the middle of the night when an alarm goes off, often alerting us to ‘an intruder’
2. staff wellbeing and an unfair level of extra responsibility
3. negative impact on family life, whereby family members feel unable to relax at home or go away for any amount of time, in case they are called upon to check the school ‘out of office hours’
4. the duty of care Powys CC has to all employees
5. that the cluster makes it’s concerns clear to Powys CC

It was suggested by a number of the governing body that the cluster engage a security firm or an official, paid key holder who is locally based and could be called upon to attend schools in the event of an alarm sounding. This would obviously be a paid and contracted position.

Would you please consider the above points in staff/ governor meetings and feedback to either me or Rev. Gordon Bingham, Chair of Hay-on-Wye CP School governing body?

Kind regards,

Richard Morris  
(Head teacher)

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