

Dear Parent/Carer

Following the Government announcement tonight, school will only be open for vulnerable children and for children of critical workers. All other children will receive remote learning to enable them to work from home.

If you think that you fit into the Government criteria for critical worker or your child currently has an Education and Health Care Plan or is working with a social worker you can send your child into school tomorrow 5th January at 8:45pm. Finishing time will remain unchanged. Children will enter school through their current gates and go to their current classroom.

We will assess tomorrow if your child meets the criteria and will inform you if this can continue. You will be asked for proof and a continuum of the school place will be communicated to you. Further information about providing proof of eligibility will be given tomorrow.

I apologise for the very late notice of this news for our families and thank you for your patience and understanding at what is becoming a very stressful and worrying time. While we understand that the Government decisions are in the best interests of the country, the timing of the announcement has left us very little time to respond.

Further information will be sent tomorrow so please continue to read updates on our website.

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