

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find a link to the google form for you to request a school place for your child(ren) for the week beginning January 18th 2021. **This form must be submitted by 6pm Wednesday 13th January.** If a request is not submitted it will be assumed that you do not require support in the coming week. All parents who make a request will be informed of the provision available to them by 6pm each Friday.

[Click Here](#)

In the light of the updated guidance at the end of last week and the subsequent press coverage over the weekend, I felt it was important to clarify our current offer to those children identified as eligible to access school provision within the current lockdown.

The guidance on critical workers was updated Friday evening simply to add a line saying the following **“but parents and carers should keep their children at home if they can”**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

The guidance to parents and carers in turn now says the following:-

“Children and young people are eligible to attend school or college if:

‘At least one parent or carer is a critical worker, and they can’t keep their child at home. Critical workers are those whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID- 19) and EU transition response’ “

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/951035/210108_Parents_Guidance_vF.pdf

In light of this, we would like to remind you of the general principle to keep your children at home if you can, as we are currently experiencing high take up of places in school (40% of our pupils accessed school last week).

Whilst it is vital that we continue to prioritise these places for vulnerable pupils and those critical worker families who have no alternative, it is equally important that we provide these places in line with our risk assessments which are to ensure that we are doing everything we can to:

1. Maintain rigorous infection control procedures in school
2. Minimise the numbers of people in school and therefore reduce the risk of transmission
3. Ensure we have built in capacity to maintain in school and online provision if members of staff become unwell
4. To allow staff the time to produce quality online learning resources when they are not face to face teaching a bubble in school

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

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