

ASHTON WEST END PRIMARY ACADEMY

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"Today I am proud of my school, tomorrow my school will be proud of me."

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Yesterday you received a letter stating that our school will be closed to children from Monday 23rd March until further notice. The Government published further advice yesterday regarding school closures. I have included some of the information in this letter to clarify some key points.

Parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined below. Many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. And every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.

Please, therefore, follow these key principles:

- 1) If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.*
- 2) If a child needs specialist support, is vulnerable or has a parent who is a critical worker, then educational provision will be available for them.*
- 3) Parents should not rely for childcare upon those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category such as grandparents, friends, or family members with underlying conditions.*
- 4) Parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults.*

If your work is critical to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors listed below, and you cannot keep your child safe at home then your children can attend school from Monday.

- 1) Health and Social Care*
- 2) Education and Childcare*
- 3) Key public services*
- 4) Local and National Government*
- 5) Food and other necessary goods*
- 6) Public Safety and National Security*
- 7) Transport*
- 8) Utilities, communication and financial services*

Vulnerable children are also able to attend school from Monday. These include children who are supported by social care, those with safeguarding and welfare needs, including child in need plans, on child protection plans, 'looked after' children, young carers, disabled children and those with education, health and care (EHC) plans.

If your child is entitled to a free school meal and you would still like this provided, then please phone the school main office on 0161 330 4234 to let us know and we can arrange this.

Our website will be regularly updated with information during the school closure. We are unsure at this time when the school will re open for all pupils. <http://ashtonwestendprimary.co.uk/>

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Miss Pizuti

Principal