

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 all schools in England were advised to close on Friday 20th March 2020 for an indefinite period. This is in response to the coronavirus outbreak and the intention is to limit the spread of the disease.

Further to this announcement, schools have been asked to play a different role in the national effort in tackling coronavirus. From Monday we are being asked to open to provide care for those whose parents or carers are key workers. The Secretary of State is clear: this is an entirely different role for schools and school staff. It is primarily about care, not education. Key workers include:

- NHS staff
- Teachers
- Police officers
- Prison officers
- Probation service
- Social workers
- Firefighters
- Ministry of defence personnel
- Delivery drivers

We will strive to make arrangements as required. If parents/ carers fall into this category, I would be grateful if you could contact the school office to identify if you intend sending your child/ren in on Monday. We will obviously need proof of employment in these sectors before then. If advice changes again before tomorrow then a further letter will be sent home to clarify any changes.

We are also being asked to care for our most vulnerable children. They are children who have social workers or have an Education Health Care Plan. If your child is on Free School Meals then the school can still provide a meal for your child each day. Please let the main school office staff know if you would like this provision for your child.

As a school we understand that this will cause disruption to both families and our children's education. To limit this disruption, we will be sending home learning for the children to complete as required.

Whilst school is closed, parents and carers should visit the school website for updates. The teachers will update the site regularly with resources and websites that your child can visit to support their learning at home. <https://ashtonwestendprimary.co.uk/>

We will also keep you updated on our Twitter Page @awe_academy

We apologise for any inconvenience caused and hope that things can return to normal as soon as possible. Your support and patience has been very much appreciated by all our staff at this difficult time. We wish you and your families well in the coming weeks.

Miss Pizuti
Principal