

Yelvertoft Primary School

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Dear Parents & Carers

I am writing to you regarding the announcement made today by the Government outlining that all schools across the country will close tomorrow to the majority of pupils. The Government have instructed schools to provide a reduced provision for children of essential key workers and children who are vulnerable which will include children who have an EHCP and those children who have a named social worker. This provision will be primarily about care not education; keeping children safe and allowing key workers to go to work to provide the essential services needed and care for the sick.

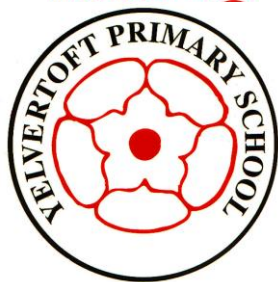
We as a school are responsible for offering places to pupils eligible for this reduced provision. The government has previously published a list of critical workers that we will be referring to until they provide an updated list. Our understanding at this point is that the highest priority will be families where both parents are key workers or where a sole parent is a key worker.

Where a household has 2 parents and 1 is not a key worker we are making the assumption that the non key worker will have the care of the children. The purpose of schools closing is to protect the children and their families and we strongly advise where possible that they stay at home and minimise social interaction as per the government guidance to protect each other from Covid-19, particularly the new strain that is currently being transmitted in the community.

We would ask you to inform us by email if you believe you meet the key worker criteria when it is published and would like your child to be considered for a place in the 'reduced provision'. You will need to tell us your profession/working role/business in the email and which days you will require cover for. We ask that you notify us as soon as possible so that we can make arrangements for our reduced provision. We have already established plans for this provision to be available as soon as it is needed, subject to staffing capacity.

We will need to review our staff audit tomorrow so that we know the capacity of the staff at this difficult time. This will include onsite staff to supervise the critical worker children as well as teaching staff to provide remote learning for the rest of the school. If our staffing levels are reducing to a level where we can't safely supervise the children it will be necessary for the school to close.





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The school will remain closed for onsite learning for the majority of pupils and will reopen to key worker and vulnerable pupils on Wednesday 6th January to provide the reduced provision to designated pupils who will receive an offer from the school. **We will therefore be closed to all pupils on Tuesday 5th January so that we can have arrangements in place to reopen for key worker pupils on Wednesday 6th January.**

Whether you are a critical worker or not, only families that have been offered a place should attend the school from Wednesday 6th January. All children not onsite will receive remote learning delivered by their class teacher via Google classroom.

Our Remote Learning policy was distributed to parents via our School Jotter app during the Autumn term, please refer to this for details on the online learning that will be provided for your child.

Finally, I would like to thank all of our parents and staff for their support and understanding during this unprecedented situation. We will continue to do all we can to provide the best for your children during these challenging circumstances and will be keeping you updated regarding remote learning via our school app and our website.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Servent

