

Dear Parents

I am sure that you do not want to be in this position once again, but this is where we find ourselves.

The main purpose of the school closure is to limit the possibility of transmitting the virus across the country and locally. Therefore the guidance relating to the list of critical/key worker parents has been published by the government to ensure those that are required to help fight the virus and keep vital services being maintained can keep doing their tremendous work for us all.

Please follow the link to the list of parents who will be classed as critical/key workers. If you feel that you and your spouse/partner meet the criteria for your child to be able to attend school then please complete the form below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision?fbclid=IwAR0y5Tmc1csUjRQ2d03CqlwmqfGknTfznU-pjzfcWBSzngVEgBp3L3OwotA>

I am seeking additional clarification on the guidance as to whether both parents or just one parents have to be classed as critical workers. However, the line will be that if it is possible it will be safer for the children to remain at home to limit contact between other people and curb the transmission of the virus. There may well be a decision made on priority of parental occupation depending on the numbers of requests we have. It will defeat the objectives of the lockdown if we have too large numbers in school mixing.

If your child has an EHCP then please complete the form as well. All our EHCP children are entitled to be in school if you require this and will be supported in the usual manner whilst in school. This is also the case for those children who are 'vulnerable' either through contact with social care or are fostered or adopted.

I request that you return your response to my email address – Paul.Smith@almondsburyprimary.co.uk by Wednesday morning 9am at the latest. We will then be able to organise the groupings according to numbers.

Our intention is that wherever possible the children will remain with their class teacher and access the remote learning with the rest of their classmates from Thursday.

Once the list and groups are sorted I will then email an individual letter to each parent informing them of the timings of the school day, class groupings and what the children will need to bring into school. We are hoping that hot school meals will still continue to be provided by the kitchen but will update this in the letter as well.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or queries, although the response time may be lengthened currently.

Best wishes



Mr Paul D Smith
Head Teacher

PARENTAL REQUEST FOR CRITICAL/KEY WORKER/EHCP/VULNERABLE PLACES IN SCHOOL

Name of pupil(s) for whom you are requesting places			
Current class(es)			
Name of parent(s)			
Email address of parent(s)			
Occupation of parents Father Mother			
Days required for school places (please highlight as appropriate)	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	Thursday		Friday
Details of who will bring and collect child(ren) from school on a daily basis			
Indication, if available, whether you intend to take up hot school meals option (for kitchen planning use)			

Please return to school via email to Paul.Smith@almondsburyprimary.co.uk by 9am Wednesday 6 January 2021