



# White Cliffs

Primary School

Dear Parent / Carer,

Following the Prime Minister's statement on Thursday March 19th the Guidance relating to educational settings has changed.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

We will of course adhere to this Guidance and do this as quickly as possible but please do remember the Guidance is published to you and the school at the same time.

As you will have seen from the letter to you from Mr Meades, the CEO of the Trust, we will remain fully open for all students until the end of Friday and thereafter from Monday next week will offer provision for children of key workers and students who may be vulnerable. We have been asked to provide this service by Government. Staff have volunteered to come in to do this. This is at their personal discretion and goodwill and we will endeavour to do this for as long as possible.

The wording from the Government is very clear, the provision being made is "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.**" The expectation is that, if your child can be looked after at home by another adult, they should **not** be coming into school. This will help limit the spread of the disease and keep people safe and healthy.

Those classified as key workers are anyone working in the following sectors:-

**Health and Social Care** sector including doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers and care workers.

**Education and Childcare sectors** including nursery and teaching staff, social workers and special education professionals.

**Key Public Services sector** including court staff, religious staff, undertakers, journalists, broadcasters.

**Local and National Government including** Government staff who are essential to the response to Covid-19 or delivering essential public services such as the payment or benefits.

**Food and Goods sector including** Food production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (hygiene and veterinary medicines).

**Public Safety sector including** police and support staff, Ministry of Defence staff and the armed forces. Firefighter, National Crime Agency staff and border security, prison and probation workers are also included.

**Transport sector including** those who keep air, water, road and rail service operating.

**Utilities, Communication and Financial Services including** staff needed for essential financial services, IT and data, infrastructure workers who maintain oil, gas, electricity and water supplies. Also included are civil nuclear, chemical, telecommunications, postal services and delivery, payments providers and waste disposal sectors.

From Monday 23 March 2020, the provision will run from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at White Cliffs Primary College for the Arts for these Children. They can arrive from 8:45 a.m. Please complete and return the attached form to us electronically by 5 o'clock today so that we know who to expect from Monday next week.

You will receive an email over the weekend from Ms Watson informing you of whether you either fulfil the criteria and your children are being accepted. Children for whom we have received a completed form, and who have fulfilled the criteria (at the school's discretion) should then report to the school, in own clothing and report to the College office to be registered. Please do not send your child on Monday until you have received confirmation.

**All** children who are entitled to a free school meal (please note this is **not** every early years and Key Stage 1 child, only those who meet the free school meal entitlement and are registered as such) can go to Astor College between 11:45 and 1:00 and they will be given a meal.

Children of Key Workers who are attending the childcare provision at White Cliffs Primary College for the Arts should bring a packed lunch.

The Government has stated that all examinations will not take place this summer but they will ensure students receive their examination results. Once Government proposals around this are published we will let you know.

For some time, we have been planning steps we would take to support children and their parents in the event of closure or partial closure.

All children have been provided with work, which will see them through to the end of this current term, 3 April 2020.

At the moment, schools are receiving new and sometimes confusing information almost on an hourly basis. It takes us time to filter this advice and get the right information out to Parents and Carers. I thank you for your patience and continued support during this difficult time.

I will continue to email updates to you throughout this time of school closure.

I urge you to take all the precautions to keep your families and loved ones safe.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Knight Fotheringham

Headteacher