

Malvern Primary School

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Dear Malvern Families,

We are writing to you with a further update following the latest Government announcement regarding Covid 19. Please be aware that this information supersedes all previous communications and correspondence with school either via email or telephone conversation. We wish to stress the important messages and guidance, which have been made clear by the Government this evening, in response to the current escalating situation.

The default position is that, in order to adhere to Government instructions, Malvern Primary School is partially closed with immediate effect and until further notice. School will only be open for those children who meet the criteria detailed in the Appendix to this letter.

As a school, we want to support critical workers and children deemed vulnerable at this crucial time. We recognise the role we have to play in doing this. However, we also want to reiterate our message from the previous national lockdown period - **if a child can stay safely at home, then they should be at home.**

Sending your child in to school unnecessarily places children and all our schools' staff at increased risk. Ultimately, the safety of children and staff has to be the priority for us all. Therefore, we must urge you to keep your child at home in the first instance. This is to maximise your child's safety and to restrict the number of people accessing the school site.

For all other children, a remote learning offer will be provided (tomorrow from 5th January) which matches the current curriculum for their year group. Your child's learning will be monitored a member of school staff. As always, we will aim to celebrate success and achievements using the approach detailed in our home learning policy which is available on the school website. As during the previous lockdown, colleagues will check on pupil wellbeing and provide pastoral support where required.

Should attendance at school be too high, and it is deemed that both children and staff are at increased risk, we may need to introduce a 'tiered' system for allocating places. All places will be reviewed and considered in the light of each family's particular circumstance. Some places may need to be withdrawn at this point.

It is crucial that you follow this advice and do all you can to ensure your child's good health and reduce the spread of the virus by keeping them away from others as much as possible during this critical period.

As always, we are committed to supporting our families and children during these difficult times. By working together, for the collective good of our community, we are certain we can weather this storm. We have been here before and we know that we are stronger when we work together. By doing this, we will keep our children and community as safe as possible.



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We remain extremely grateful for your ongoing support and understanding. When working in such an unprecedented situation, the cooperation and compassion of our wider community is a great reassurance.

Should you require any further guidance, please make contact via the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Mr James
Headteacher

Mr Butterworth
Chair of Governors

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Children of Key Workers

There is no automatic entitlement to a child care place in school. All key workers will be considered for a place, as long as their job cannot be done from home. Even if you are a key worker yourself, please ask whether you have ANY other alternative childcare options. If there is a second parent / carer who is NOT a critical worker who can take the child care responsibilities? Sending your child to school should be **an absolute last resort; every child who can safely be cared for at home should be.**

Vulnerable children and young people

Vulnerable children and young people include those who:

- are assessed as being in need under section 17 of the Children Act 1989, including children and young people who have a child in need plan, a child protection plan or who are a looked-after child
- have an education, health and care (EHC) plan
- have been identified as otherwise vulnerable by educational providers or local authorities (including children's social care services), and who could therefore benefit from continued full-time attendance, this might include:
- children and young people on the edge of receiving support from children's social care services or in the process of being referred to children's services
- adopted children or children on a special guardianship order
- those at risk of becoming NEET ('not in employment, education or training')
- those living in temporary accommodation
- those who are young carers
- those who may have difficulty engaging with remote education at home (for example due to a lack of devices or quiet space to study)
- care leavers
- others at the provider and local authority's discretion including pupils and students who need to attend to receive support or manage risks to their mental health

Critical workers

Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and EU transition response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined in the following sections

Health and social care

This includes, but is not limited to, doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

Education and childcare

This includes:

- childcare
- support and teaching staff
- social workers



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- specialist education professionals who must remain active during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response to deliver this approach

Key public services

This includes:

- those essential to the running of the justice system
- religious staff
- charities and workers delivering key frontline services
- those responsible for the management of the deceased
- journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting

Local and national government

This only includes those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of:

- the coronavirus (COVID-19) response, and the delivery of and response to EU transition
- essential public services, such as the payment of benefits and the certification or checking of goods for import and export (including animal products, animals, plants and food), including in government agencies and arm's length bodies

Food and other necessary goods

This includes those involved in food:

- production
- processing
- distribution
- sale and delivery
- as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines)

Public safety and national security

This includes:

- police and support staff
- Ministry of Defence civilians
- contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and EU transition)
- fire and rescue service employees (including support staff)
- National Crime Agency staff
- those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas

Transport and border

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response and EU transition, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass and those constructing or supporting the operation of critical transport and border infrastructure through which supply chains pass.

Utilities, communication and financial services

This includes:

- staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure)
- the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage)
- information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response
- key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services)
- postal services and delivery
- payments providers
- waste disposal sectors