

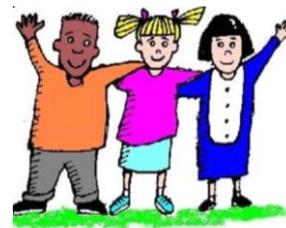
# Newcastle Nursery Schools' Federation



**Newburn Manor Nursery School**



**Monkchester Road Nursery**



**Ashfield Nursery School and  
Al2aether @ Ashfield**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a good Christmas and enjoyed the break.

As you may know from the news, many unions have told staff in schools NOT to return to work IF schools are open to ALL children.

Staff unions advise that schools should only open for the children of keyworkers and for vulnerable children. Unions advise this should be for the first two weeks in January.

We have spoken to staff at Ashfield Nursery School and they prefer to follow their unions' advice. This advice is to open for keyworkers' children and vulnerable children only. Unions hope this will limit the spread of the virus and keep our children and staff safest over the next two weeks.

As such, Ashfield Nursery School will only open for vulnerable children and the children of keyworkers from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 until 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

A list of jobs that are 'keyworkers' is available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

We have attached this advice here too (please click on link).

We will be available on Monday to take your calls and answer any of your questions by phone or email but only the children of keyworkers or those who are vulnerable should come in to Nursery.

Please call us on Monday morning if you are not sure if your child can attend Nursery and we will be happy to explain this in person.

If your child cannot come in to Nursery, we will be posting 'remote learning' on to our Facebook and Website pages to give ideas for things to do at home with your child.

We apologise for the late notice of this change but we have been waiting for government and union advice before making our decisions.

We are committed to providing the best education we can face-to-face with children ***as soon as this is safe enough*** for all of our children and staff.

When unions advise staff to return to work for **ALL** children, we will be in touch with you to let you know when **ALL** children can come back to Nursery.

Thank you for your understanding with this difficult decision.