



Bishop Aldhelm's C.E. Primary School

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Courage
and Inspiration*

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Coronavirus Update for children attending school

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: National lockdown and school closures

I am writing to you regarding the instruction from the Prime Minister that all schools must close with immediate effect and move to remote learning.

From Tuesday, school will only be open for those children of critical workers, those who are supported by social workers and those with an EHCP as part of their SEN.

As per the Government's guidance, it is important to emphasise that schools remain safe places for children; however, **the fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in school, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society.**

The Government has strongly urged **'If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.'** We would really appreciate your support with this in order that we can have sufficient staffing to remain open safely for a sustained period of time for those parents and children that really need our service.

Vulnerable children include children who are supported by social care, those with safeguarding and welfare needs, including child in need plans, on child protection plans, 'looked after' children, young carers, disabled children and those with [education, health and care \(EHC\) plans](#). This does not mean you have to send your child to school if they have an EHCP. School will look very different for a time and we recognise that for some of our children with particular needs this could cause them anxiety.

Parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors. A list of who is considered a key worker is attached. I would ask you to consider my earlier comments regarding minimising the number of children that are in school. Therefore if you are a key worker and there is somebody else at home then we would urge your child to stay at home. We still have the list for who qualified as key workers in the summer term however we appreciate that people's jobs may have changed.

We are attempting to ensure that our school can support the latest government guidance in supporting key workers and vulnerable children; however, we are operating with limited resources and staffing. We would therefore appreciate your support in only sending your child to school if absolutely necessary.

Bishop Aldhelm's C.E. Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all our children.
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If you qualify for a place at school and intend on sending your child into school tomorrow, please complete the Google Form or send your child in with the completed registration form attached. If you have more than one child, please complete a form/Google form (<https://forms.gle/nF29QSsujKjF66H4A>) for each child.

You can email this form to our key worker email address:

keyworkerchildrenplaces@bishopaldhelms.poole.sch.uk

You only need to submit one version (the letter, email or the Google form).

We will check on key worker and vulnerable children's status, alongside our previous lists, so please only send your child if your occupation is on the government approved list and you have no other alternative child care provision.

Practical arrangement for children attending school:

- Children attending school will be expected to wear school uniform and must be washed daily.

Home learning

For those children that are unable to attend school we will be providing home learning. All links and information will be sent out on Tuesday 5th January.

Many thanks for your support and understanding.

Yours sincerely



Scott Tait
Headteacher

Bishop Aldhelm's CE Primary School

Registration Form

Please complete for each child – do not double up. You may complete this form or the Google Form <https://forms.gle/nF29QSSujKjF66H4A> .

Your Name:	
Your Employer and role:	
Your Child / Children's Name/s:	

Contact Details

The contact numbers you provide must be available for the whole school day and adults named as contacts must be able to collect children during the school day should the need arise.

Name	Number

I understand that my child will not be able to come into school unless they are 100% fit and well.

Please do not give children medication to mask symptoms just so that they can come into school.

I understand my child could be taught in different year groups with different adults on a daily basis.

Signature of parent or carer _____ Date _____

Key Workers

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 then your children will be prioritised for education provision:
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
- 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 arms 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 oversea.

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