

Email
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Dear parent and carer

We hope you are safe and well and we are writing to you about the government's announcement of the new COVID-19 restrictions.

From 5 January 2021 until advised otherwise, schools will only be open for vulnerable and key worker children.

Children of key workers should be able to attend school if you as a parent or carer want a school place. Your child's school does not have a discretion over who is a key worker since the government has identified these. Key worker jobs and roles are listed on the additional sheet. In addition, if your child meets one of the criteria for being a vulnerable learner then they can also access a school place. Your school may also be in contact with you if they believe your child meets the criteria about being a vulnerable learner. The definition of these children is also included on an additional sheet attached to this letter.

If your child does not meet one of the criteria, then we know you will be keen to support them with their home learning. In addition, we know all parents and carers will also be keen to support your child's school as well. Please do so by ensuring that your child attends full-time if they are eligible to attend and note that schools do not have the discretion to widen the definitions of children who can attend school. As a rule of thumb, your child should remain at home to learn remotely unless they meet one of the criteria listed and if children of key workers cannot provide learning for them from home.

You have done an amazing job by helping your child learn throughout the pandemic, and by working together we can best support your child to progress in their learning.

Yours sincerely

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