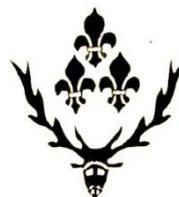


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Guidance for parents on which children should attend school during the closure period

Giffards Primary School will be open to children with an EHCP, with a named social worker and the children of key workers where there is **no one** else who can safely look after children. The Government have made it clear that **if it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.**

It is important to underline that schools remain safe places for children. But the fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society.

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 at Giffards.

See the Government guidance here: [occupations defined as key workers](#)

The Government advice published last night states - *If workers think they fall within the critical categories above they should confirm with their employer that, based on their business continuity arrangements, their specific role is necessary for the continuation of this essential public service.*

We would be grateful if parents could do this to confirm, as many employers are arranging for people to work from home given the current situation. This would help reduce the numbers of pupils having to attend and risk spreading infection.

We are working hard to see what the likely numbers of children attending school will be for Giffards, combined with managing reduced staffing levels.

Given the above advice, we would be grateful to any parent who has previously let us know that they are a key worker, if in light of the above parameters, they now review this to see if their child can be looked after at home by a partner who is not a key worker. Please contact us as soon as possible if this is the case so we have an accurate list of who will be attending school.

For those parents whose children will be attending, I will be sending out a letter explaining school times and a summary of our provision so you are aware before the weekend.

Thank you for your cooperation

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