



FAIRLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

ON-SITE LEARNING FOR CRITICAL WORKERS/ VULNERABLE PUPILS

As you will know from my letter yesterday, **we have moved to remote learning for the majority of children this week, subject to weekly review.**

For a few children, we are able to offer on-site learning, breakfast club and after school club for critical workers and vulnerable children, where parents & carers cannot keep their child safe at home.

- 1. If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.**
2. If a child is vulnerable or has a parent who is a critical worker, then on-site learning will be available for them.
3. Parents should not rely for childcare upon those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category such as grandparents, friends, or family members with underlying conditions.

The definitions of critical workers and vulnerable children can be found in the link below. Please read it carefully to be sure whether your child **clearly** meets the criteria.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

Most of the eligible parents & carers have already registered from the last lockdown. YOU DO NOT NEED TO DO ANYTHING. We already have your details on file and will automatically give you access to the booking system.

If you believe your situation has changed and you now meet any of the 'critical worker' or 'vulnerable' criteria then please complete the form found here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/9PTQX73>.

Applications need to be with the school by 1pm today (Monday). We will then contact you to discuss your application, confirm your eligibility and explore all options.

You will need to provide evidence such as a work badge, contract or payslip, or written confirmation from your employer that, based on their business continuity arrangements, your specific role is necessary for the continuation of this essential public service.

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If there is any doubt, we will refuse a place until there is unquestionable evidence to support your application, either from your employer or from subsequent government guidance as it is published. We do not have capacity to provide any form of appeals process and the decisions of the headteacher will be final.

Once your eligibility is confirmed, you will receive further information about precisely what sessions are available, the process for booking them and our expectations around the provision.

Our on-site learning offer is entirely dependent on the number of staff we have available on the day and may be withdrawn at any point. We will let you know the day before if we are unable to honour a booking that you have already made.

Thank you for your continued support and working in partnership with us during this incredibly challenging time.

Robert Staples
Headteacher