



Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

I am sorry to interrupt your precious Christmas break but I know many of you will have picked up the announcements over the last few days and I wanted to clarify the position with regard to our schools, as far as we know at the moment.

Timetable of school openings

	w/c 4 th January	w/c 11 th January	w/c 18 th January
Vulnerable children (see definition below) and children of critical workers	Return to school - all schools open for vulnerable and critical worker children	Continue at school - all schools open for vulnerable and critical worker children	Continue at school - all schools open for vulnerable and critical worker children
Primary schools	Closed for all years from Reception to Year 6, except for vulnerable and critical worker children. Remote learning on Google Classrooms . We will be checking that children are online with their teacher. Please come to school from Tuesday 5 th January to pick up a work pack if you cannot access on line learning.	Closed for all years from Reception to Year 6, except for vulnerable and critical worker children. Remote learning on Google Classrooms We will be checking that children are online with their teacher.	Not yet known – government announcement the week before
Nursery classes in Primary schools	Closed	Closed	Return to school subject to any government announcements
Secondary schools Years 11 and 13 only	Closed except for vulnerable and critical worker children. Remote education for other children.	Return to school for Years 11 and 13 . Also, open for vulnerable and critical worker children. Remote education for other children.	Not yet known – government announcement the week before
Secondary schools Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12	Closed except for vulnerable and critical worker children. Remote learning on Google Classrooms for other children. We will be checking that children are online with their teacher. Please come to school from Tuesday 5 th January to pick up a work pack if you cannot access on line learning.	Closed except for vulnerable and critical worker children and students in Years 11 and 13 . Remote learning on Google Classrooms We will be checking that children are online with their teacher.	Return to school subject to any government announcements

This is the list of children that should attend school. If your child is in this category we expect to see them in school from the **4th January 2021**

Vulnerable children

Vulnerable children and young people include those who:

- are assessed as being in need under section 17 of the Children Act 1989, including children and young people who have a child in need plan, a child protection plan or who are a looked-after child
- have an education, health and care (EHC) plan
- have been identified as otherwise vulnerable by educational providers or local authorities (including children's social care services), and who could therefore benefit from continued full-time attendance, this might include:
- children and young people on the edge of receiving support from children's social care services or in the process of being referred to children's services
- adopted children or children on a special guardianship order
- those at risk of becoming NEET ('not in employment, education or training')
- those living in temporary accommodation
- those who are young carers
- those who may have difficulty engaging with remote education at home (for example, due to a lack of devices or quiet space to study)
- care leavers
- other children and young people at the provider and local authority's discretion including pupils who need to attend to receive support or manage risks to their mental health

Critical workers

This is the list of children that **can** attend school. If your child is in this category, we welcome them in school from the **4th January 2021**:

- Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and EU transition response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined in the following sections.
- **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

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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 overseas

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.

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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

All other children will be following the table at the top. It is essential that your children are on Google Classrooms.

Examinations for BTEC students will continue as normal. Students will be notified on Google Classroom by their ATL. More information will follow on Tuesday regarding this through your CTLs for BTEC external assessments.

Again I am sorry to interrupt your holiday but I wanted to ensure that you have all the information, but remember it might just change!!

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