



Every Child Matters Academy Trust
Children at the heart

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Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s)

As you know, England is now in the second week of its third national lockdown and our Primary schools are closed for everyone except the children of critical workers and vulnerable children. We would expect all vulnerable children to attend school.

The national Government guidance allows for the children of critical workers to be in school. However, the guidance for this lockdown extends the definitions of critical workers and, as a result, increases the number of children who are in school as compared to previous lockdowns

Government guidance published on 7 January states “Parents and carers who are critical workers should keep their children at home if they can.” Government guidance also says that there should be a place for all children of critical workers “who need to attend.”

With this in mind we are asking that if you possibly can that you keep children at home. The safety of your child and our staff is the Trust’s number one priority and all school decisions about school places will be guided by this.

Your support will help schools reduce potential transmission of Covid-19 by minimising the numbers on site and ensure staff have the capacity to support the learning of all pupils both remotely and in school. Each school has undertaken a health and safety risk assessment and will know the maximum number of pupils they are able to have safely on site at any one time, given the amount of staff they have available.

Since the first lockdown we have been working with you to ensure that every child has access to the internet and a device on which they can undertake remote learning. We encourage parents to work with their schools where there are still any specific concerns in this area.

Thank you for your understanding in what we recognise is a very difficult situation for everyone. We will continue to keep all arrangements under constant review as we progress our response through this period of lockdown and beyond.

Thank you once again for your on-going support. Our best wishes to you all please stay safe.

Chair of Trustees