



Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**School Closure Update Letter from Mr Geaves- Planning for Critical Worker Children**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Can I start by thanking you for your understanding and patience at this time. The announcement by the Prime Minister although timely, did not really give schools any time to prepare for school closure.

School is now closed to the majority of pupils. We will only remain open for children of critical workers or the vulnerable. This is for all ages from Nursery to Year 6.

The Government has resisted closing schools until now, but in the face of the rapidly rising numbers of cases across the country and intense pressure on the NHS, they now need to use every lever to reduce all contacts of Covid -19 and reduce transmission as much as is possible.

The latest guidance published late last night clearly states that during the period of national lockdown, schools and colleges should only allow vulnerable children and the children of critical workers to attend. Children with at least one parent or carer who is [listed as a critical worker](#) are eligible for a school place. It is not necessary for both parents to be critical workers.

In order to reduce transmission of the virus and maintain a safe environment for all pupils and staff, NPCAT schools will remain open for all vulnerable children and the children of critical workers from nursery upwards. For further clarification regarding your child's provision please contact school to discuss.

All NPCAT schools will continue with the wrap around provision already established.

To help us plan for this please can I ask you to complete an online Google Form to help us with staffing levels. Please only complete the form once for each family. This can be found using the following link. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1D0J7NldZCHVUjNuizUbvsxLXZpHaH9yUPGb2EQtRA3A/edit#responses>

Children need to come to school ready to learn. They need to be in school uniform and have all the necessary equipment (e.g. ipad, home learning book if they have one). The school day will be from 8.45am until 3.00pm collection and drop off points remain the same. Please remember to wear a mask whenever entering the school grounds. We will do our best to keep children of the same age together to help with their learning and to keep all children and adults safe. Numbers will dictate the exact groupings of children and when we have a clearer picture of this we will let you know.

Thank you for your support,  
Stay Safe

Mr Geaves

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