

Pupil attendance during COVID-19

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Limiting academy attendance is an essential measure in supporting the reduction of the overall number of social contacts in our communities so that the transmission of this virus can be brought under control.

High quality remote education and/or blended learning provision is provided for all year groups as outlined in [GPA-Remote-education-information-for-parents-and-carers.pdf](#) / [MPA-Remote-education-information-for-parents-and-carers.pdf](#)

During the period of national lockdown, **only vulnerable children and the children of critical workers are eligible to attend on-site provision**. All other pupils should not attend and should learn remotely until 8th March; or until the government, in consultation with Public Health England, has said it is safe to return to face-to-face education.

Those children identified by the academy as ‘vulnerable’ are encouraged to attend, unless they are self-isolating or they are clinically extremely vulnerable. Consultations with families and other agencies will be on-going in order to support and address any individual family needs and concerns.

Our academies will speak to parents and carers to identify who needs to have on-site provision and, if necessary, will ask for evidence that the parent in question is a critical worker. **Parents and carers who are critical workers ‘should keep their children at home if they can’**.

Our Nursery provision remains open.

No one with symptoms of Covid-19 should attend a setting for any reason.

In addition, there is a requirement to stay at home if:

- You have tested positive, even if asymptomatic
- You have been advised by NHS Test and Trace to do so
- You have a positive case within your household, even if asymptomatic
- You have been told to self-isolate for travel-related reasons.

Should any of the academy’s community test positive for the Coronavirus, the academy will implement the procedures as set out in the guidance and ‘Remote education information for parents’.

Parents will not be fined for non-attendance at this time.