

## **Brinsworth Whitehill Primary**

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Re: COVID-19 - continuing school provision for children of front line staff

**Dear Parents/Carers** 

As you will be aware, the Prime Minister announced yesterday that all schools and colleges in England will be closed as of Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> January, as part of the country's ongoing response to COVID-19.

As a school, we will do all we can to stay open for the children of front line staff as defined by the government, and for children with additional needs. We intend to offer this service during normal school hours: 8.45 – 3.00. Staff will be in school from 8.30 onwards.

Although this provision will be delivered through a skeleton staff, our intention is for the curriculum offer to continue to be broad, balanced and ambitious for all students.

If you have already identified as a key worker, you will be contacted tomorrow about arrangements. If you are a front line worker and are the primary carer for your children, but you have not yet let us know that you wish your child to continue to attend school, please contact school by replying to this email, giving us the name and Year group of your child(ren) and the nature of your front line role.

I must stress that we need to know in advance who requires key worker provision.

We appreciate your continued support as we deal with this ever-changing situation and we will continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Oxborough Headteacher

You can find more information about COVID-19 on

- NHS guidance
- NHS Frequently Asked Questions
- Advice for people travelling
- Guidance for non-clinical settings (education, employers and businesses, social, community care and residential settings)

The Department for Education has also launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows: Phone: 0800 046 8687 Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline