



31 December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that you and your family had an enjoyable and safe Christmas.

As you know, we have worked incredibly hard since the start of the pandemic in March to keep our school as safe as possible, and that work has continued over the Christmas holiday period. I would like to thank our incredible staff for their commitment and professionalism, which has seen many working over the holidays.

Following the Government announcement yesterday, whilst most primary schools will re-open as planned from next week, we are in an area of the country where this will not be the case because of high rates of Covid-19 transmission.

- This means that if your child is classed as vulnerable or if you or your partner is a critical worker, then your child can return to school on Tuesday 5 January 2021. (We have a Staff Development Day on Monday 4 January, so the school is closed to all children.)
- If your child is not classed as vulnerable and if neither you nor your partner is a critical worker, then your child will not return to school until at least Monday 18 January. Online learning will start from Tuesday 5 January. This is under continual review and I will of course let you know as soon as the Government decides that the school can re-open to all children.
- We have also postponed our January Nursery starters and those changing to the 30 hour provision – we will write to you separately next week.

### **VULNERABLE CHILDREN AND CRITICAL WORKER PROVISION**

I appreciate that for many parents/carers, the closure of school will cause further disruption. We are committed to supporting our most vulnerable children and the children of critical workers who are dealing with the current crisis.

If your work is critical to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors listed below, and you cannot keep your child safe at home then your children will be prioritised for education provision:

- Health and social care
- Education of childcare
- Key public services
- Local or National Government
- Food and other necessary goods
- Public safety and national security
- Transport
- Utilities, communication and financial services



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If you wish to use this provision please complete the below form and email it to [office@allfaithschildrensacademy.org.uk](mailto:office@allfaithschildrensacademy.org.uk) by 12.00pm at the very latest on Monday 4 January.

**You must give the school 24 hours notice that you need to use this provision so that we can provide appropriate staffing.** Children arriving without giving 24 hours' notice may be turned away if we do not have adequate staffing.

Please be aware that during w/c 4 January, provision for this group of children will be slightly different from their usual lessons as we will need to form a new independent bubble. This is to reduce risk and prevent any unnecessary mixing with other bubbles.

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As before, a great deal of planning and risk assessment has gone into ensuring that our school continues to be as safe as possible for children and staff, in line with latest Government and Public Health England guidance. We will continue to take decisions in the best interests of our children, working with you and keeping you informed every step of the way.

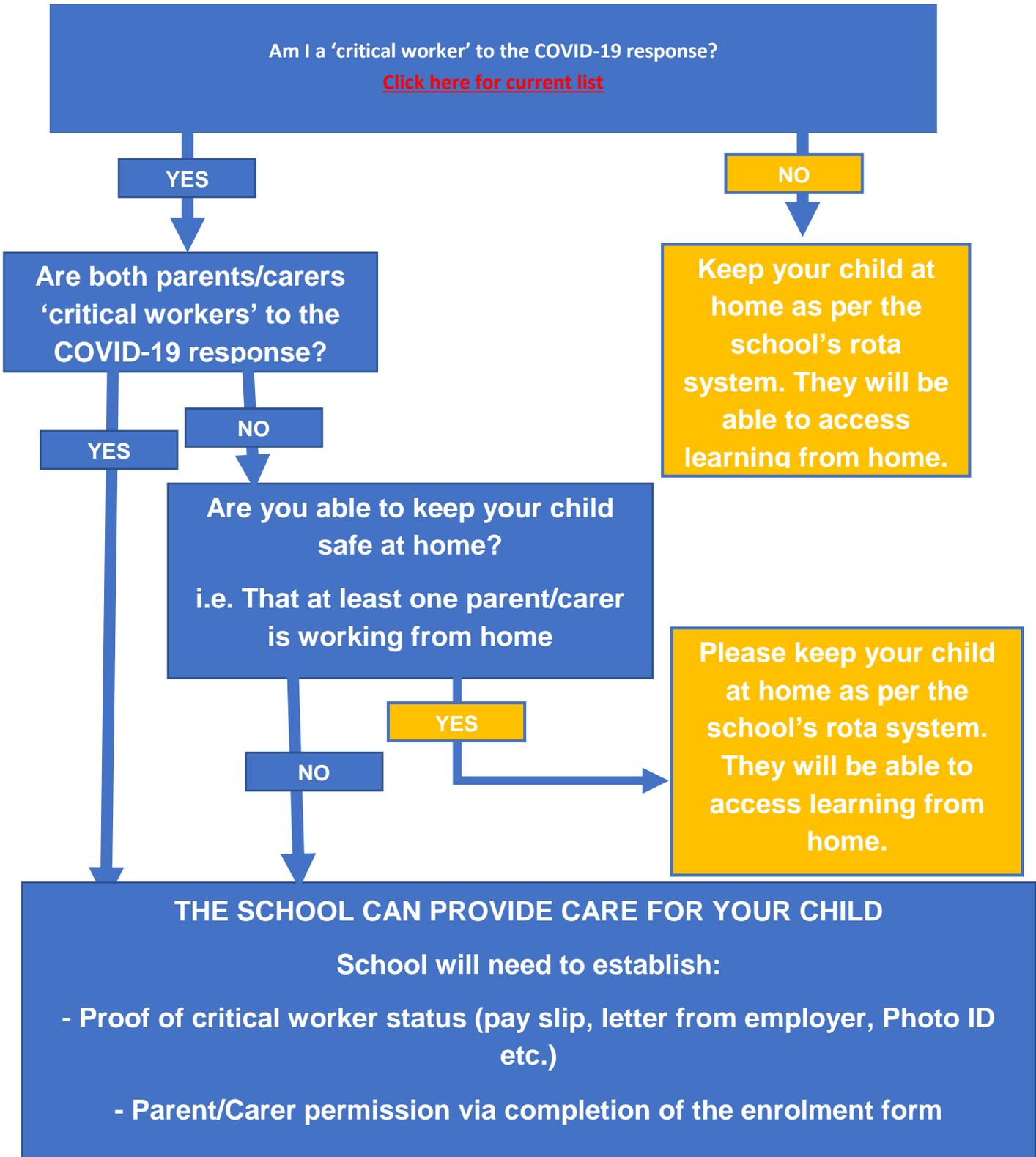
You may also have heard that testing for those without coronavirus symptoms will be conducted in some schools this term. However, this relates only to secondary schools and therefore we are unaffected.

I hope that the information in this letter is helpful and clear but if you have any questions, please do email these to [office@allfaithschildrensacademy.org.uk](mailto:office@allfaithschildrensacademy.org.uk) I will write to you again next week to keep you updated with the latest information.

In the meantime, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very happy New Year. Please do continue to take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

Mrs M. Browning  
Head of School



**Supervision for eligible children at All Faiths Children’s Academy**

Name of child:	Year group:	Class:
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Reason for eligibility:

Key worker? Yes / No	If yes – what is your role?	Pleased tick to confirm that you have attached evidence of role – please see below for guidance.
Vulnerable student? Yes / No	The school will already have the evidence of this	

Days you would like your child to be supervised – **please tick as appropriate**

	Tues 5 Jan	Weds 6 Jan	Thurs 7 Jan	Friday 8 Jan
Mon 11 Jan	Tues 12 Jan	Weds 13 Jan	Thurs 14 Jan	Friday 15 Jan

We would like children who are attending school from Tuesday onwards to do the following:

- Arrive at school between 08:30 and 08:45.
- Be picked up between 15:00 and 15:15.
- Maintain the school’s behaviour policy.
- Wear normal school uniform.
- Complete the work set by school so that they can continue their learning during this time.

If numbers wanting to access the critical worker/vulnerable student bubble are higher than staffing allows, vulnerable students will be prioritised.

I understand that:

- **If anyone in my household exhibits symptoms of Coronavirus my child will not attend school for 10 days from the point that the symptoms started. The school will need to be notified.**
- **If my child exhibits any symptoms of the Coronavirus they will not attend school for 10 days from the date of symptom onset and until they are better and no longer have any symptoms. The school will be notified.**
- **If my child exhibits any symptoms of the Coronavirus whilst at school they will be isolated and I will be asked to pick them up immediately. The school will advise me of the self-isolation timeline.**
- **If a child at school tests positive for Coronavirus, the school will carry out track and trace and notify parents/carers if their child needs to be collected to self-isolate.**

Please sign below to confirm that you have read and understood this letter and the expectations for children attending for supervision:

Parent/Carer name	Parent/Carer signature	Date

Evidence of role should include one of the following:

- Signed letter from employer stating that you work in the services listed here:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision#critical-workers>
- Pay slip, letter from employer, Photo ID from Emergency services, Education, Government etc.