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Dear Parent / Carer

You will be aware that, due to rising infection rates of Covid-19, the Prime Minister announced a new national lockdown in a bid to prevent the further spread of the virus.

As part of this, all primary schools, secondary schools and colleges in England, have been closed since Tuesday until at least the end of Term 3 in February, except for children of key workers or vulnerable children.

**If you or your partner is a key or critical worker, or if your child is classed as vulnerable, then the school will remain open to your child/ren**, and we look forward to seeing them at school.

As you know, we have worked incredibly hard since the start of the pandemic in March 2020 to keep our school community as safe as possible and I would like to remind you of the continued safety measures in place on school grounds:

- Everyone is expected to remain in their allocated bubbles
- Children are encouraged to wash their hands regularly throughout the day
- All adults must wear face coverings on school grounds, including at the school gates
- Please observe social distancing at all times on school premises.

Please note, where possible, we are working with windows open in classrooms for added ventilation, and as the cold days have returned, children may need a few more layers of clothing such as tights or leggings underneath skirts, and jumpers or plain fleeces without a hood or large brand logo.

**VULNERABLE CHILDREN AND CRITICAL WORKER PROVISION** - 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 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

Please note that this list is regularly updated, please refer to the link below for the most recent list.

[https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision?utm\\_source=4%20January%202021%20C19&utm\\_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm\\_campaign=DfE%20C19#critical-workers](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision?utm_source=4%20January%202021%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19#critical-workers)



If you wish to use this provision please complete and return the attached form at least 24 hours in advance to [office@allfaithschildrensacademy.org.uk](mailto:office@allfaithschildrensacademy.org.uk)  
If your child requires transport to school, it is your responsibility to arrange this with the Transport Dept. via email to [laura.hope@ncsgrp.co.uk](mailto:laura.hope@ncsgrp.co.uk)

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

**For all other children, our school is closed until at least the end of the February Break.**

**REMOTE LEARNING** – We will provide high-quality remote learning to ensure a consistent education is available. We understand that this places pressure on you as a family during this difficult time and your support in helping your child engage as much as possible is so important; we are very grateful for your time and effort.

While away from the classroom children will be provided with work on Seesaw or Tapestry, if you are unable to access Seesaw or Tapestry, please message the school office via MYEd. In addition we are offering live teaching, via Microsoft Teams.

**FREE SCHOOL MEALS** - If your child receives benefit related free school meals you will be able to collect a weekly food parcel from school. We will contact eligible families separately to confirm collection dates and the process.

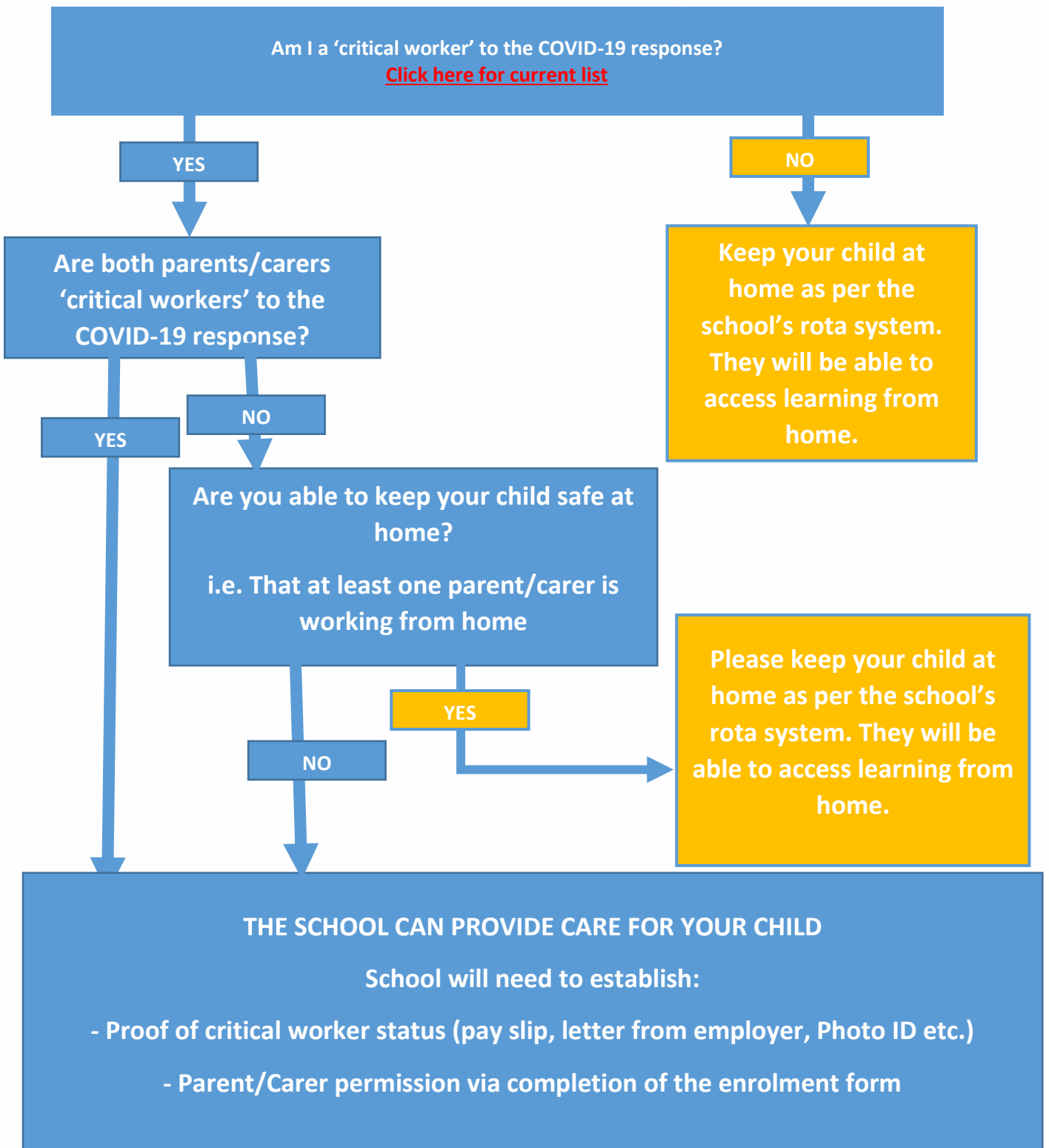
We will continue to stay in touch with you, however, do let us know if you would like to discuss this matter, or if you require additional support relating to these new arrangements.

I would once again like thank you wholeheartedly for your understanding and ongoing support in helping us to manage these ongoing changes. Please 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**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

Starting from date .....

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

- Arrive at school between 8.30 and 8.45am.
- Be collected promptly at 3.00pm.
- 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 children bubble are higher than staffing allows, vulnerable children 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 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 collect them 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.



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