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**Chief Executive Officer: Mrs L Whitehouse**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January

## **National Lockdown – School moving to Remote Learning**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will have heard tonight, the Prime Minister has announced that all schools in the UK should move to Remote Learning until further notice. This is for all children, except for those of Critical Workers and children who are the most vulnerable.

At Inspire Primary Academies—Clifford Bridge Academy, Hearsall Academy, Stockingford Academy, Walsgrave Academy, and Whittle Academy—**from tomorrow (January 5<sup>th</sup>)**, we will be moving to **Remote Learning** which means that **your child's school site will only be open to a smaller number of children** whose families qualify. Examples of Critical Workers include NHS staff, police, and delivery drivers who need to be able to go to work. Vulnerable children include those who have a social worker and those with Education, Health and Care Plans. The full list of key workers and vulnerable children can be found on pages 2 and 3 of this letter, or via the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

If you need your child to be in school tomorrow as part of our critical worker / vulnerable children provision, then you can book them a place by emailing:

Clifford Bridge Academy – [covid@cliffordbridgeacademy.org](mailto:covid@cliffordbridgeacademy.org)

Hearsall Academy – [covid@hearsallacademy.org](mailto:covid@hearsallacademy.org)

Stockingford Academy – [covid@stockingfordacademy.org](mailto:covid@stockingfordacademy.org)

Walsgrave Academy – [covid@walsgraveacademy.org](mailto:covid@walsgraveacademy.org)

Whittle Academy – [covid@whittleacademy.org](mailto:covid@whittleacademy.org)

To register for tomorrow's provision, we will need to receive a booking email by 8am tomorrow morning detailing your child's full name and class. I apologise sincerely for the short notice available for you to communicate this information to us. Until further notice, you will need to drop-off and collect your children from their normal classroom door.

If you are accessing Critical Worker provision, your child's start time will be the same as normal. If your child(ren) accesses before- or after-school provision, this will continue to be open for the present week, until we provide you with further information.

By the end of Wednesday, we will be emailing out information and guidance on the following:

1. How Critical Worker and vulnerable children provision will be operating from Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January.
2. Class-specific Remote Learning activities that you can complete at home with your children via Class Dojo and the school website.
3. How you can ask to loan school technology equipment and get hold of free school 4G SIM cards.
4. How you can access paper copies of Remote Learning resources.
5. How we intend to support children who are in receipt of Free School Meals during this period.

If something is unclear and you have a query, then please don't hesitate to contact us via your school's office phone number (during office hours) or email to seek clarification. Please be aware that we may not get back to you immediately but will respond to all communication as quickly as possible.

In unprecedented times, we would like to thank you in advance for your understanding.

Take care,



Rob Darling

**Head of Education, Primary**

## **Criteria to Access On-Site Provision**

### **1. Vulnerable Children and Young People**

Vulnerable children and young people include those who:

- are assessed as being in need under section 17 of the Children Act 1989, including children and young people who have a child in need plan, a child protection plan or who are a looked-after child
- have an education, health and care (EHC) plan
- have been identified as otherwise vulnerable by educational providers or local authorities (including children's social care services), and who could therefore benefit from continued full-time attendance, this might include:
  - children and young people on the edge of receiving support from children's social care services or in the process of being referred to children's services
  - adopted children or children on a special guardianship order
  - those at risk of becoming NEET ('not in employment, education or training')
  - those living in temporary accommodation
  - those who are young carers
  - those who may have difficulty engaging with remote education at home (for example due to a lack of devices or quiet space to study)
  - care leavers
  - others at the provider and local authority's discretion including pupils and students who need to attend to receive support or manage risks to their mental health

### **2. Critical Workers**

#### **Health and Social Care**

This includes, but is not limited to, doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

#### **Education and Childcare**

This includes:

- childcare
- support and teaching staff
- social workers
- specialist education professionals who must remain active during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response to deliver this approach

#### **Key Public Services**

This includes:

- those essential to the running of the justice system
- religious staff
- charities and workers delivering key frontline services
- those responsible for the management of the deceased
- journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting

[Local and national government](#)

This only includes those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of:

- the coronavirus (COVID-19) response, and the delivery of and response to EU transition
- essential public services, such as the payment of benefits and the certification or checking of goods for import and export (including animal products, animals, plants and food), including in government agencies and arm's length bodies

#### **Food and Other Necessary Goods**

This includes those involved in food:

- production/ processing
- distribution
- sale and delivery
- as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines)

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## **Public Safety and National Security**

This includes:

- police and support staff
- Ministry of Defence civilians
- contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and EU transition)
- fire and rescue service employees (including support staff)
- National Crime Agency staff
- those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas

## **Transport and border**

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response and EU transition, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass and those constructing or supporting the operation of critical transport and border infrastructure through which supply chains pass.

## **Utilities, communication and financial services**

This includes:

- staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure)
- the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage)
- information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response
- key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services)
- postal services and delivery
- payments providers
- waste disposal sectors