

20 March 2020



Dear Parents/Carers,

The government has now published the list of key workers who can continue to send their children to school from Monday 23rd March. It can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

In summary the guidance states that there are eight sectors of key workers – health and social care; education and childcare; key public services; local and national government; food and other necessary goods; public safety and national security; transport; utilities, communication and financial services. Further details and examples of each category is available at the link above.

The guiding principles remain as follows:

1. If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.
2. If a child needs specialist support, is vulnerable or has a parent who is a critical worker, then educational provision will be available for them.
3. Parents should not rely for childcare upon those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category such as grandparents, friends, or family members with underlying conditions.
4. Parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults.
5. Residential special schools, boarding schools and special settings continue to care for children wherever possible.

If you feel you meet the published criteria, please complete the questionnaire following the link on the front page of the website <https://sowerby.trinitymat.org/key-info/coronavirus/> **as soon as possible, certainly no later than 2pm today (Friday 20th March)**. If you have a specific query regarding the provision, or your eligibility to qualify for it, please contact the school and we will do our best to advise you.

Once we have a clearer picture of how many children will be attending on Monday, we will communicate with the parents of those children in as timely a manner as possible. In the meantime, please be assured that we are well placed and prepared to ensure a safe and orderly educational environment; pupils should arrive at school on Monday with the same expectations (uniform, behaviour, approach to learning etc.), that they left with on Friday.

You have received a separate letter with details on how students who are not allowed to attend school will access work.

Thank you for your continuing support of the academy in these challenging times.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "C Johnson", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mr C Johnson – Principal