

20th March 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

We have already started to compile a list of pupils who will be attending school on Monday. The government now have details of key workers, so we know who we need to prioritise. Provision will be prioritised for pupils with an EHCP or have a social worker. We will also prioritise children of key workers. If your child falls into one of these categories and you intend sending them to school on Monday, please complete the booking form for next week's childcare (Monday 23rd to Friday 27th March) using the link below:

www.beeactive.co.uk/oha

or via the link on the Ormiston Horizon Academy website.

by 8pm on Friday 20th March. *If you do not make a booking through this online form, we will not be able to cater for your son/daughter in the academy.*

Please, therefore, follow these key principles:

1. **If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.**
2. 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.
3. 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.

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

This includes 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 nursery and teaching staff, social workers and those specialist education professionals who must remain active during the 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 and 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 COVID-19 response or delivering essential public services such as the payment of benefits, including in government agencies and arms 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).

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 COVID-19 pandemic), 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

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the COVID-19 response, including those working on transport systems 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 COVID-19 response, as well as 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 and waste disposal sectors.

This is a long list and we may not be able accommodate everyone and may need to prioritise places. It is important you let us know if you intend to send your child to school on Monday. The academy will be open from 8am – 5pm. Snacks and lunch will be provided for all. Students do not need to wear their uniform but please come dressed in appropriate clothing to engage in a range of activities.

Thank you for your continued support. We will keep in touch over the coming weeks and encourage you to keep checking our website and text messaging service.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Fitzgibbon
Principal

