

School Place Requirements COVID-19

Dear Parents,

The latest government guidance for schools was published late last night. It is very clear that in order to rapidly reduce risk to everyone that every child who could be cared for at home should be. If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.

I feel very, very strongly that we should be keeping our school numbers to the absolute essential minimum, which the Government guidance is very clear about. This extraordinary situation is about protecting the vulnerable in society. That's the bottom line. And in order to do that, we need to only offer places to those children who absolutely cannot be cared for safely at home. We have many families that are self-isolating due to possible C19 symptoms and/or living with vulnerable family members. We now also have some staff absent due to self-isolation which has made normal provision challenging.

The most recent scientific advice on how to further limit the spread of COVID-19 is clear. If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.

I would like to say a huge thank you to the kind words and support that has been shown from our parent community at this unprecedented time.

To best allow us to support schools, key workers and the welfare of all our young people, families and communities please complete this questionnaire. Please return this questionnaire ASAP by 3pm today via email preferably office@christchurchinf.dorset.sch.uk

Your Name:	
Your Employer:	
Your Child / Children's Name/s:	
Your Child's Class:	

ONLY if you cannot look after your child at home please complete the remainder of this form and return:

	Please tick if correct
My child is currently being supported by social care (on a 'child in need' plan or on a current Child Protection Plan)	
My child is a 'Looked After Child'	
My child is disabled	
My child has a current Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan	

If you are a key worker, please indicate which area below:

Health and Social Care	
Education and Childcare	
Key Public Services: running of the justice system, religious staff, charities and workers delivering key frontline services, essential broadcasting	
Essential Local and National Government (only occupations essential to the effective delivery of the COVID-19 response)	
Necessary Food - those involved in essential 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 and National Security This includes police, 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, National Crime Agency staff, those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas.	
Transport – only essential air, road, rail and water	
Essential utilities	

If workers think they fall within the critical categories above they should confirm with their employer that, based on their business continuity arrangements, their specific role is necessary for the continuation of this essential public service.

If you are a key worker please tick the days you work:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

As a key worker do you have childcare, a partner/spouse, to allow you to continue with your role

YES	
NO	

If your child / children have an EHCP, can they best be looked after at home?

YES	
NO	

If your child / children have a social worker, can they best be looked after at home?

YES	
NO	

If you meet the criteria and your child is coming into school next week please see the details below regarding delivery (8:50am) and collection (3:05pm):

EYFS: Door to the Discovery Den

Year 1: Foxes Classroom

Year 2: Kingfishers Classroom

These details are subject to change depending on the numbers we receive. We will keep you updated with any changes.

If you will have significant difficulties looking after your own child over the Easter Holiday and meet the key worker/pupil criteria please indicate:	
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If you will be requiring the use of 'Funtastic' wrap around care for school days and you meet key worker/pupil criteria, please indicate so. Please be aware that this is a paid service as Funtastic run independently.	
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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.

We are grateful for the work of teachers and workers in educational settings for continuing to provide for the children of the other critical workers of our country. It is an essential part of our national effort to combat this disease.

Kindest regards, Mr Baxter