

CASTLESIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are trying to keep up with the rapidly changing situation as I'm sure you'll appreciate. This is a stressful time for all of us any we are doing our best to adhere to guidelines and keep children, parents and staff safe.

This was published last night on gov.uk website

It explains very clearly who key workers are.

It is imperative that you read this carefully in preparation for Monday and beyond

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

Please note that the guidance states:

The government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open for those children that absolutely need to attend...every child who can be cared for safely at home, should be. If it is at all possible that a child can be at home, then they should be.

Therefore, if a parent is in the key worker group but can arrange safe childcare other than school they should do this. This is to ensure that we protect those workers who are in critical roles from infection as far as possible.

On Monday school will open for those parents, clarified in the gov.uk lists, who have NO ALTERNATIVE than to send their children to Castleside Primary School.

We have spoken to all Cluster Headteachers and the local authority to agree a shared criteria that allows schools to meet the needs of child care for Key workers and vulnerable groups, without putting staff at risk.

Priority list

- Partners are BOTH in the Key Worker category
- Single parent families who meet the Key Worker criteria
- Vulnerable children include children who are supported by social care, those with safeguarding and welfare needs, including child in need plans, on child protection plans, 'looked after' children, young carers, disabled children and those with education, health and care (EHC) plans.

Can we ask that, if you haven't already done so, you complete the survey released yesterday so that we can make final arrangements in school. We intend to review final data at 2:00pm today.

Kind regards

Alison Spence