



# RICHARD WAKEFIELD C.E. PRIMARY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you are all well as we embark on our first full week of remote learning. Thank you to all of our families for engaging so well with our remote learning, it has been wonderful to see the number of children interacting with the staff in our google classrooms. Please be assured, our only wish is for you to do as much as you can within your family timetable. We know that everyone is doing their very best; we are thankful for your support and are here to help in any way we can.

At this early stage we would welcome your feedback on the remote learning so far to help us tailor the provision to best suit the needs of our school community. We know that this situation is not ideal for anyone; we know that all children, no matter what their academic ability or willingness to learn, would be more engaged with learning in school and we know that all families will have different opinions and situations regarding the remote learning provision that we can offer.

If you could please complete this survey at your earliest possible convenience: [Link to survey](#)

Please be aware that due to the number of critical and key workers in school at the moment all of our staff are still in school to supervise the number of children that we have in every day, this is limiting our ability to dedicate more time to our remote learning. All of our staff are working incredibly hard to support the learning both at school and at home.

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January, the Government guidance regarding key workers was updated to include the following statement: *Children with at least one parent or carer who is a critical worker can go to school or college if required, **but parents and carers should keep their children at home if they can.*** ([link to the original document below](#))

**If there is someone at home, even if they are working from home, then your child should not be in school.** This is a change from the original advice to send children into school.

We urge our families to stay at home to help prevent the spread; this new strain is spreading at an alarming rate across the country. One of our key worker bubbles is already in isolation following a positive case in school. In some year groups we have reached our maximum capacity and are now faced with the difficult decision of turning families away or having to survey all of our key worker parents to reassess their need.

If your child is classed as vulnerable, please be assured that our school will always support you and you will not be denied a place.

Finally, we would like to offer a huge thank you to all of the parents and families who have sent in messages of support and appreciation to our staff. We are all working in incredibly challenging times but we must all support one another.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J. Lowe  
Vice Principal



Link to Government guidance for critical and key workers

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

