

Dear Parents and Carers

Closure of educational settings: information for parents and carers (gov.uk)

The guidance can be found here regarding schools requirements to provide childcare to families through this National Crisis: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

The key principles are:

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

If a child needs specialist support (special school provision), is vulnerable, whose parents are critical worker, then educational provision will be available for them.

Critical workers

Government guidance says, 'many parents working in [critical] sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. And every child who can be safely cared for at home should be'.

Therefore if **both parents jobs** appear on the Critical Worker list or your child has an EHCP that requires specialist support and you are **not able** to provide child care and they have no underlying medical conditions that would make them vulnerable by being around other children and adults which Coronavirus being prevalent school settings whilst schools are closed then please contact school by **10.00 a.m. on 01902 558899 or email info@eastparkacademy.com**

There is no requirement for parents who are Critical Workers to take up the offer of a school place

The government says, 'this is an offer to parents and carers and there is no requirement for parents and carers to send their children to school if they do not need or wish to do so.'

Provision will be in one of the schools in our MAT to determined today once we have final numbers.

Yours Sincerely

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