

Brabourne Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Return to School in January 2021

I do hope you all had a healthy and happy Christmas.

As most of you will no doubt be aware, yesterday the Government announced that in order to help contain the community transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19), some restrictions to primary education settings would be required in certain areas. **We are an Ashford school and therefore these restrictions do apply to us at Brabourne CEP School.**

Sadly, the majority of children will not be returning to school on the 4th January as planned. Instead the start of term 3 will be **delayed until 18th January 2021**, pending further advice and guidance from the Government. Remote education will commence for pupils remaining at home on Tapestry (Years R,1,2) and Seesaw (Years 3,4,5,6) from Monday 4th January 2021.

Only vulnerable children and children of critical workers will be able to return to school on 4th January, in line with Government guidance. A comprehensive list can be found below and on the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision>

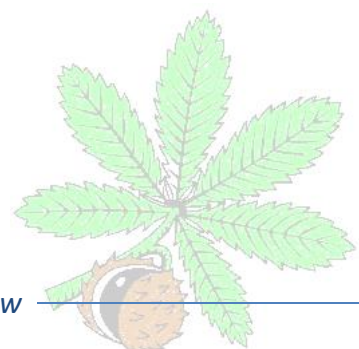
In the first instance, please email office@brabourne.kent.sch.uk should the above criteria apply, so that we can ascertain who those children will be and what level of support parents will need to enable them to go to work. **Please let us know by 1pm on the 2nd January 2021 at the latest. Please note that these children will need to bring a packed lunch each day.**

I will write out to you again with more detailed information in due course. Please do ensure you keep an eye on your email and text notifications and communications. If you have any concerns or queries at this stage, do please email me at headteacher@brabourne.kent.sch.uk.

I wish you all a happy New Year and thank you all for your support at this time.

Kind regards

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Vulnerable children and young people

Vulnerable children and young people include those who:

- are assessed as being in need under section 17 of the Children Act 1989, including children and young people who have a child in need plan, a child protection plan or who are a looked-after child
- have an education, health and care (EHC) plan
- have been identified as otherwise vulnerable by educational providers or local authorities (including children's social care services), and who could therefore benefit from continued full-time attendance, this might include:
 - children and young people on the edge of receiving support from children's social care services
 - adopted children, those at risk of becoming NEET ('not in employment, education or training')
 - those living in temporary accommodation, those who are young carers
 - those who may have difficulty engaging with remote education at home (for example due to a lack of devices or quiet space to study)
- others at the provider and local authority's discretion

Critical worker

Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined in the following sections.

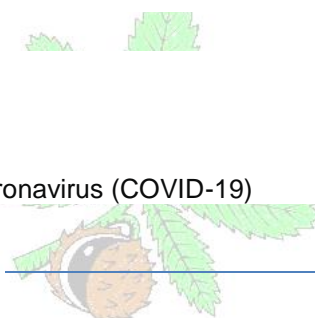
Health and social care

This includes, but is not limited to, 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:

- childcare
- support and teaching staff
- social workers
- specialist education professionals who must remain active during the coronavirus (COVID-19)



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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
- 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 coronavirus (COVID-19) response
- or delivering essential public services, such as the payment of benefits, including in government agencies and arm's 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)



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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 coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak)
- 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

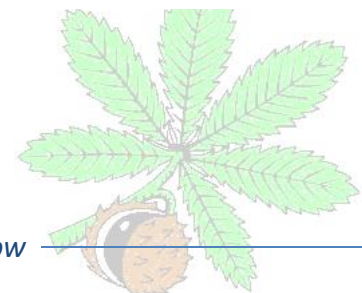
Transport

- This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the coronavirus (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 coronavirus (COVID-19) response
- 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
- waste disposal sectors



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