

15th January 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

Firstly, we would like to thank you for the patience and compassion shown to Avalon staff throughout this pandemic and more recently during the start of this current period of National Lockdown and partial school closures. We know and understand how difficult and challenging these restrictions are on families, but we also know from the first two waves, that if we pull together, with everybody playing their part, we can help to slow the spread of the virus and protect our NHS.

In this context, we would remind parents that the Government guidance states that only children of critical workers and vulnerable children should attend school during this period and all other pupils should receive remote education.

Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and EU transition response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors as outlined in the [Government guidance](#) (updated 8th January). Children with at least one parent or carer who is a critical worker can go to school if required, but parents and carers should keep their children at home if they can.

We are working hard to ensure that all children are supported both academically and pastorally during this period of partial closure. For further information, or if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us: schooloffice@avalon-school.co.uk

Bulletins

Updated information for parents, related to school's arrangements during the current COVID-19 pandemic can be accessed on the [COVID-19](#) section of our school website, including a revised Parent Handbook, our operational risk assessment and remote learning policy.

Other key school policies have also been revised and updated due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Parents can access these on the and [Policies and Documents](#) section of the Avalon School Website.

Communications

Government guidance and publications for parents and carers about education settings during the Coronavirus pandemic can be found here:

[Information-for-parents-and-carers](#)

[Children of critical workers and vulnerable children who can access schools or educational settings](#)