

29th January 2021

- **School will be fully closed during the February half-term break.**  
The Government has announced that schools will not need to stay open for vulnerable children or children of critical workers during the break, however staff will be on-call for contact tracing if pupils or staff test positive after developing symptoms less than 48 hours after the school breaks up for half term.
- **The government hopes to reopen schools from 8 March, according to the prime minister.** However, this date will depend on COVID rates by mid-February. We will keep parents up to date with information on re-opening, as soon as we receive it.
- **Remote Learning Parent Survey:** Parents with children working remotely, have been sent a short online survey to take feedback about the effectiveness of our Remote Learning provision. Surveys should be completed by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February.

### 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.
- From week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> January, Avalon started a programme of asymptomatic testing of all participating staff and on-site contractors, using rapid self-testing Lateral Flow Devices (LFD). Along with other protective measures this will support everyone in school, to work in as safe an environment as possible.

### 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](#)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak>

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

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-early-years-and-childcare-closures/coronavirus-covid-19-early-years-and-childcare-closures>