



# All Saints' C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are entering the most the dangerous part of the pandemic. The virulence and prevalence of all strains of the virus are at critical levels.

We need to adapt our provision to maximize the safety and well-being of all members of our school community, following the updated guidance from Government.

## **Provision for Critical Workers and Vulnerable Children**

We have received requests from over 35% of our school population for in-school provision, and many of these places are being used on a full-time basis. This level of request exceeds our capacity to operate safely. The maximum number of pupils that we can educate safely in any one bubble is 15. We understand that we have some parents who are entitled to provision who are doing their very best to manage at home, and some parents who have no option but to book individual days.

Government guidance for **Children of critical workers and vulnerable children who can access schools or educational settings** was updated on 8 January 2021. It states that '**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.**'

On Sunday 10th January, Matt Hancock further refined this guidance saying, "**Schools are there for key workers' children where key workers need to have the children in school in order to be able to get to work.**" "**So for if example you are a key worker, and your partner doesn't work, then you shouldn't be sending your children to school.**"

Please can all parents requiring in school provision email [headteacher@allsaints-alrewas.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@allsaints-alrewas.staffs.sch.uk) by 2pm on Friday of the preceding week to let us know the exact days that your child needs to be in school so that you can get to work. In this way we hope to be able to keep the bubbles open safely. Otherwise, we WILL need to reduce the days that we are able to offer in school provision.

## **Remote and blended learning**

As the pandemic continues, the way that we deliver education continues to adapt. Please can I thank and congratulate all those learners (and home teachers) who have been working so hard remotely. We understand that home learning is challenging and that the children are desperately missing their friends and being part of the school life.

The home school offer has increased dramatically since the first Lockdown in March last year. Pupils learning at home and pupils attending in school provision access the same work. English, maths and wider curriculum learning is posted on Showbie by 5pm for the following day. Work posted on Showbie is responded to by teaching or support staff between the hours of 8am and 5pm, Monday

to Friday. In addition to the learning on Showbie, each week pupils learning at home have three English and three maths Zoom sessions. These sessions are to set, discuss and pre- teach learning linked to that posted on Showbie. There is an additional session each week linked to the Wider curriculum. The timetables and codes for these Zoom sessions are shared on Showbie.

Yours sincerely

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