

Archbishop Benson Criteria For School Places From Monday 23rd March

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your patience in waiting for this information, we appreciate that it is an unsettling time.

We have now received the official Government guidelines and definitions of critical workers, key workers and vulnerable children, which we must adapt to our school's unique context and circumstances.

The Government's list of **potentially** eligible families is extensive and can be seen on the attached grid. Please note, falling into one of these categories does not necessarily mean you will be offered a place. Unless we prioritise, we will not be able to support the families and workers who need the help the most or who will potentially be having the biggest positive impact upon the health and wellbeing of the wider community.

We have used the Government's official guidance as well as the Government's official list of critical workers to put critical workers into a tiered system from Tier 1 to 4. We have prioritised school staff within Tier 1 in the knowledge that many staff members are local to the area. This should mean that by enabling them to work in whichever school employs them, we will be able to support many more local families with this childcare arrangement across the whole of Truro, not just our catchment.

We anticipate being able to operate places for 20% of our children – approximately 80 places in all. However, please be aware that this may need to change, potentially on a day to day basis, as staffing capacity is affected by putting themselves at risk of infection by providing this essential service. To minimise the disruption, staff will be working in rota teams, on and off site, so that as some become ill, others remain healthy and are able to step in and take over. If everyone is on site at the same time the risk of closing the school to everyone becomes higher and then we would not be able to support anyone.

Current government guidance regarding eligibility for the school care as of Monday 23rd March 2020 is that children with at least one parent or carer who are identified as critical workers by the government can **potentially** send their children to school if required. **However, we must emphasise that the government guidance also states that “many parents working in these critical sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.” Only use this emergency childcare at Archbishop Benson if you have to. Your child and the staff will be at an increased risk of infection if they attend school rather than have alternative provision at home.**

This means that if you have 1 parent as a key worker and 1 parent/carers who does not work, your children need to stay at home with that parent/carers.

We are asking parents to call the school office, 01872 273185, by 1:30pm today to give us information about your situations and why you require school-based childcare. You will need to state:

- Your child/ren's names and classes
- Which tier (1-4) your employment is and exactly what your role is – NHS is not sufficient – how does it contribute to frontline provision for the Coronavirus crisis management?
- The name and telephone number of your supervisor so we can confirm that your active role is a necessity in these challenging circumstances and to confirm your working patterns.
- Provide a current number to text you on.
- Do you require a school meal or are you providing a pack lunch for your child/ren

Leaving the above details will NOT guarantee you a place on Monday. We will then prioritise families, and some will unfortunately be disappointed. All successful families will be sent a dojo to confirm their places. IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE A DOJO YOU WILL NOT HAVE A PLACE ON MONDAY AND MUST NOT BRING YOUR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY.

We understand that waiting for a response from us might be an anxious time. Please be patient, we will have many, many families and scenarios to consider and will get back to you as soon as we can. We will strive to do so today – even if it is late at night. Please don't expect a response until after the end of the school day.

Some children will also be eligible for places due to their vulnerability based on a number of stipulated criteria – e.g. EHCP, social care involvement etc. We already know who these children are but, once again will need to prioritise. Like critical workers, we will inform you if you have a place for next week. **If this affects your child, you do not need to call school – we already have your details and can use this to prioritise who we are able to offer places to. If you do not receive a dojo later tonight, you will not have a place on Monday.**

Please note that for those children who do come to school next week, in line with other schools, we will be providing an emergency child-care service – not education. We will of course be structuring the day and including some elements of learning but please do not expect a 'standard' routine or service.

Please note, the current guidance around self-isolation regarding symptoms of coronavirus including a temperature of over 37.8°C and/or a persistent cough are still in force. In the next few days, school leaders will have to make some incredibly difficult decisions and hold some very challenging conversations with families who are understandably anxious. We ask that you please work with us and not against us as we do this.

Archbishop Benson Critical Workers Tiered List

Tier 1 (in no particular order)	Tier 2 (in no particular order)	Tier 3 (in no particular order)	Tier 4 (in no particular order)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Doctors ▪ Nurses ▪ Midwives ▪ Paramedics ▪ Social Workers ▪ Care workers ▪ Machine workers producing medicines / medical personal protective equipment ▪ Support and specialist staff as part of medical administrative support who <u>categorically cannot</u> work from home ▪ Nursery staff* ▪ Teaching staff* ▪ School staff and school catering staff who must remain active during the COVID-19 to deliver this approach* ▪ Social workers ▪ Food distributors ▪ Food processors ▪ Food delivery drivers ▪ Police and support staff ▪ Ministry of Defence civilians ▪ Contractor and armed forces personnel who are critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the COVID-19 pandemic ▪ Fire and rescue service employees (including support staff) ▪ Workers responsible for the management of the deceased 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Health & social care supply chain workers ▪ Support and specialist staff as part of medical administrative support who <u>could</u> work from home ▪ Food sale ▪ Those involved in the production, distribution, sale and delivery of hygienic or veterinary medicines ▪ Oil, gas, electricity and water (including sewerage) workers ▪ Waste disposal sector workers ▪ National Crime Agency staff ▪ Border security ▪ Prison and probation staff ▪ Other national security roles including those overseas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Those running the justice system ▪ Air, water and road workers ▪ Freight transport workers operating through COVID-19 responses ▪ Telecommunications including call centre staff for 999 and 111 critical services) ▪ Specialist education professionals who aren't school based ▪ Civil nuclear and chemical workers ▪ Network operation and field engineering workers ▪ Payment providers ▪ Charity workers providing support and relief in relation to COVID-19 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Religious staff ▪ Journalists providing public service broadcasting ▪ Broadcasters providing public service broadcasting ▪ Local and national government administrators delivering essential public services such as the payment of benefits including in government agencies and arms-length bodies. ▪ Rail passenger workers ▪ Essential financial services provision (including but not limited to banks, building societies, financial market infrastructure) ▪ Information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the COVID-19 response ▪ Postal services and delivery workers

Archbishop Benson's Vulnerable Child Tiered List: A child who is/has...				
Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An assigned social worker An EHCP Looked After 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Previously Looked After 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TBC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TBC 	

For children coming in to school as of Monday 23rd March 2020, the following expectations measures/precautions must be taken:

- School uniform is to be worn and PE kits and trainers are to be available in school.
- Up to date contact details for family members must be available within school and emergency contact details should your child become poorly/exhibit symptoms of contracting coronavirus.
- We must register your child in and out of the premises by somebody who either has parental responsibility or has been nominated by yourselves, as long as you are all fit and well and not showing symptoms of coronavirus.
- If you or someone living with you become unwell with coronavirus symptoms, you must **immediately** contact school and arrange for collection of your child.
- Social distancing **must** be enforced whilst your child is not in school if we are to prevent/minimise the spread of infection.
- School **must** be informed if you no longer fall within the critical worker list or you have been asked to self-isolate.
- Thorough hand washing to take place at home just before leaving the home.
- Children must be dropped off from 8:30 am and picked up between 3:15 pm and 3.25 pm.
- Parents are asked to speak to their children before leaving home each day about high standards of behaviour – staffing will be limited and our provision cannot be jeopardised by persistent failure to meet the schools usual expectations.

This all may sound very official however, please remember we are doing all we can to keep everyone as safe and well as possible. All we do has the children and the community at the heart of it. Stay safe, stay well and take care of each other.

David Galler

On behalf of the Archbishop Benson Leadership team and Governors.