

Covid-19 Attendance Policy Appendix

Our Attendance Policy has been updated to reflect the government's guidance on school attendance. 'Supporting vulnerable children and young people during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak - actions for educational providers and other partners' (15th May 2020) states:

Vulnerable children and young people across all year groups continue to be expected to attend educational provision where it is appropriate for them to do so. This should remain a priority for educational providers and local authorities, including as some year groups begin to return to on-site provision.

'Critical workers who can access schools or educational settings' (1st June) states:

Our ambition is to bring all primary year groups back to school before the summer holidays, for a month if feasible, though this will be kept under review. Schools will only welcome back additional year groups if the most up-to-date assessment of the risk posed by the virus indicates it is appropriate to have a larger number of children within schools. The safety of children and staff is our utmost priority.

Any setting that cannot achieve these increases at any point because:

- **There are not enough classrooms or spaces available in the setting**
- **They do not have enough available teachers or staff to supervise the groups**

have flexibility but must first focus on continuing to provide places for priority groups (vulnerable children and the children of critical workers).

As a result, the governing body has agreed to the priority order below in relation to the attendance of the following groups of pupils in school:

- **Those children classified as vulnerable pupils**
- **The children of critical workers**
- **Those children in eligible year groups**

This policy statement will be reviewed in line with current government guidance.

Signed: Mr P. Birdsall (Headteacher) and Mr J. Allen (Chair of Governors)

Date: June 2020