



Saturday 2nd January, 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers,

In line with the second Government announcement today (1.1.21), from Tuesday 5th to 18th January Burlington Schools will only remain open for children of key workers and vulnerable children. This is so that critical/key workers can keep the NHS going and other essential organisations that keep us all safe. The period of closure is subject to review.

Schools will make arrangements for an appropriate provision, depending on the numbers of critical/key worker places that we have to accommodate. **For all other children school is closed until further notice.**

During this period of school closure, you will be sent information to start home learning, and it will also be on both schools' websites. It is important that your child is ready to engage with the home learning and that you are following the timetables and work set on Tapestry (EYFS) and Google Classrooms (KS1 and KS2). If you do not have access to a device and need support, we can provide paper copies of the work. Please ensure that home learning is completed and uploaded on to the relevant platforms and submitted for teachers to check.

The list of criteria that we will accept for a place in our critical/key worker and vulnerable children provision is as follows:

Critical/Key worker children of parents who work in:

- Health and social care
- Childcare and education
- Essential key public services
- Local and National government
- Food and other necessary goods
- Public safety and national security
- Transport and border
- Utilities, communication and financial services

If you are unsure if your job is considered a key worker or critical worker, please refer to the information in this government document: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision>

Vulnerable children who:

- have an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP)
- have an attached Social worker or Family Support Worker (Child In Need or Child Protection)
- are classed as a Looked After Child (LAC)
- are adopted
- are on a Special Guardianship Order (SGO)
- are young carers

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- are on the edge of receiving support from children’s social care services or in the process of being referred to children’s services
- are living in temporary accommodation
- are care leavers (post Looked After Children)
- others at the provider and local authority’s discretion including pupils and students who need to attend to receive support or manage risks to their mental health

Please complete the following questionnaire if you are a key worker or if you have a vulnerable child and you think your child may be eligible for a place in our provision. <https://forms.gle/CbE9FvrrqUw88zxd6>

The deadline for the questionnaire to apply for a place in the provision is 11am on Monday 4th January. Please note, if only one parent is a key worker, and there is an adult who can safely care for your child at home, this is the safest place for your child. Once we have collated all the requests, we will contact you directly to let you know if we are able to offer a place and what the arrangements will be.

We will contact parents of vulnerable children individually.

If your child will not be attending school from now and you would like to take home their medicine, please come to the school offices on Tuesday 5th January from 10-12pm. We are aware that there may be other items that children or parents wish to collect but we need to plan this appropriately to keep everyone as safe as possible. We will update you.

As this decision has been brought about at very short notice, it is an extremely busy time. We would therefore ask that you do not phone the school offices, but check the websites, Burlington School App or Infant School Comms for updates. We will update you on any further changes as soon as we have more information and would like to thank you for your support and encouragement at this very challenging time.

Best wishes

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