



# Carrington Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers

As we begin the second week of remote learning, I wanted to say a sincere thank you for all the messages of appreciation and support we have received. The switch to remote learning is not easy at the best of times let alone at the speed at which it needed to be done. We noted that things had settled down quite significantly by Friday and hopefully will continue to do so.

For your information, our TAs are in school supporting the key worker and vulnerable children whilst the teachers are supplying, marking and providing feedback for the home learning. Most members of staff are on a rota, where possible, so to minimise the risk of infection. Please continue to inform us of positive cases of the virus so that we can keep everyone at school safe.

We have had a significant increase of pupils eligible to attend school under the critical worker provision than during the first lockdown. We therefore need to ensure that we can accommodate those most in need whilst recognising that we must continue to do everything that we can to keep staff and pupils as safe as possible in school in light of recent Coronavirus developments.

Many of you will be aware that there has been a lot of coverage in the press about the number of pupils in schools since the Lockdown started on Tuesday. Daily deaths are over 1,000 and hospitals are in a critical situation.

The Government responded to the issue of attendance in school from the children of Critical Workers and Vulnerable pupils, late on Friday evening, by producing guidance called 'Restricting Attendance during the National Lockdown'. [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/950510/School\\_national\\_restrictions\\_guidance.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/950510/School_national_restrictions_guidance.pdf). ensure that we prioritise those with the most urgent need.

Accordingly, we are now asking you to review your needs and consider only sending your child to school if it is absolutely necessary in order to carry out your critical worker role. As the Guidance states '**Parents and carers who are critical workers should keep their children at home if they can.**'

It is our desire to accommodate parents' needs as far as possible whilst keeping children and staff in school safe but, just like other schools, we are balancing difficult priorities. We have carried out all the required risk assessments and put the relevant procedures in place to keep school safe. For this reason, if we can find ways to reduce the number of children in school on any day, this would reduce even further the risk of spreading infection.

Please let us know by email to [office@carringtonjs.co.uk](mailto:office@carringtonjs.co.uk) of any changes to your child care requirements.

Yours sincerely

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