



Excellence & Opportunity

**Attendance Policy Addendum
(in response to COVID-19)**

The Secretary of State for Education, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 38(1) of, and paragraph 5 of Schedule 17 to, the Coronavirus Act 2020, has issued the following notice for the disapplication of section 444(1) and (1A) of the Education Act 1996 [available here](#).

Pupils eligible to attend school are;

- Children of [critical workers](#), childcare must be requested through the form on our website by 7pm the day before the provision is required.
- [Vulnerable children](#), provision is agreed through Mrs Phillips (Assistant Headteacher: Pastoral) or Mrs Marley (Assistant Headteacher: SEND)
- Year 10 pupils invited to attend, during their personal allocated timetable issued via letter.

We encourage children and young people in the eligible year groups and priority groups to attend, as requested, unless they are self-isolating or there are other reasons for absence (such as shielding due to health conditions).

Parents should notify school as normal if your child is unable to attend so that staff are aware and can discuss with you.

Parents will not be fined for non-attendance at this time.

These principles and guidance will be used to decide if pupils are shielding or self-isolating:

- children and young people who have been classed as clinically extremely vulnerable due to pre-existing medical conditions have been advised to shield. Clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable) people are those considered to be at a higher risk of severe illness from coronavirus.
- child or young person who lives with someone who is clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable), including those who are pregnant, can attend their education or childcare setting
- if a child or young person lives in a household with someone who is extremely clinically vulnerable, as set out in the guidance on shielding, it is advised they only attend an education or childcare setting if stringent social distancing can be adhered to and, in the case of children, if they are able to understand and follow those instructions - this may not be possible for very young children and older children without the capacity to adhere to the instructions on social distancing. **If stringent social distancing cannot be adhered to, we do not expect, nor will we allow, those individual pupils to attend.**
- children or young people should not attend if they have symptoms or are self-isolating due to symptoms in their household