



Pentland Infant and Nursery School

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Dear Parents,

I'm sure you're aware of last night's announcement from the Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, that all UK schools must immediately close to slow the spread of Coronavirus and that they are expected to remain closed for the next 6 – 7 weeks in the first instance.

As in the earlier lockdown, we will be offering a reduced offer of places, wherever possible, to vulnerable children and children of key workers. These places are for children in Pre-School, Nursery, Reception and Key Stage One classes. This will of course depend on the availability of staff in these uncertain times.

Although we did not know this news ahead of the announcement last night, I want to reassure you that our staff are now working hard to devise a plan to ensure the school is prepared and safe to take care of these children.

Today we will be contacting parents of vulnerable children. However, we now need your support, and for you to contact us if your job falls into the category of a key worker. Government guidance defining key workers can be found at:

[Critical workers and vulnerable children who can access schools or educational settings GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/critical-workers-and-vulnerable-children-who-can-access-schools-or-educational-settings).

If you believe that you are a key worker and that your child(ren) should still be coming into school, please email school at office@pentlandinf.co.uk or telephone school on 01924 451631, giving us information of your job role and the hours that you work. There will be limited spaces available. **Please contact us by 9am tomorrow (Wednesday 6th January 2021)**. This will allow us to organise staffing and provision accordingly. We will presume your job role **does not** fall into any key worker category if you do not contact us.

The purpose of these restrictions is to try to stop the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). So, where possible, if one parent is a key worker and the other parent is able to look after your child(ren), please try to leave the spaces available for those families that need them.

We are hoping to open as soon as possible to vulnerable groups and key worker children, but will contact you later today to confirm a date and time; this will be via email, text and the school website. Further communication will be sent soon too to outline our home learning offer.

Until then, we would like to offer our very best wishes and hope that everyone remains safe.

Yours Sincerely,

Kathy Coates-Mohammed

Headteacher