

# James Elliman Academy

January 2021

## **RE: Important School Closure Update**

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Following yesterday's government announcement, we will be closing James Elliman Academy to ALL children from Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021 and will reopen for vulnerable and key worker children only.** The government have said that the closure is likely to be in place until February half term.

All children will be provided with remote online learning through Google classroom from tomorrow. Engaging with this provision is compulsory to ensure that learning during this time can continue.

Children who expected to attend school because they are identified in the vulnerable group will be contacted by school today. These children will be required to attend school daily as usual.

Key worker families will need to contact the school today and provide proof of key worker status in order for their children to attend school until February half term.

The list below is what the government categorises as Key Worker occupations. If you feel you fall into one of these occupations and would like to send your child to school, please can you contact us via the office by 3pm today at the latest. We will need evidence that your employment does fall into the given criteria; this could be a letter, payslip or ID badge etc. **We will NOT be using the Key Worker list we used in the previous lockdown; all parents and carers will need to apply again.**

### Critical Workers

Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and EU transition response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined in the following sections.

### **Health and social care**

This includes, but is not limited to, doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

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## **Education and childcare**

This includes:

Childcare support and teaching staff

Social workers

Specialist education professionals who must remain active during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response to deliver this approach

## **Key public services**

This includes:

Those essential to the running of the justice system

Religious staff

Charities and workers delivering key frontline services

Those responsible for the management of the deceased

Journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting

Local and national government

This only includes those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of:

the coronavirus (COVID-19) response, and the delivery of and response to EU transition essential public services, such as the payment of benefits and the certification or checking of goods for import and export (including animal products, animals, plants and food), including in government agencies and arms length bodies

## **Food and other necessary goods**

This includes those involved in food:

Production

Processing

Distribution

Sale and delivery

as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines)

## **Public safety and national security**

This includes:

Police and support staff

Ministry of Defence civilians

Contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and EU transition)

Fire and rescue service employees (including support staff)

National Crime Agency staff

those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas

## **Transport and border**

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response and EU transition, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass and those constructing or supporting the operation of critical transport and border infrastructure through which supply chains pass.

## **Utilities, communication and financial services**

This includes:

Staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure)

The oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage)

Information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response

key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services)

Postal services and delivery

Payments providers

Waste disposal sectors

**Please note that if you are a key worker and take up the provision, your child will be expected to attend school daily during school closures. This is not a childcare provision but instead an education provision for those that need it. If attendance is not in line with expectation then the provision may be withdrawn.**

**For those children who will be attending school, normal drop off and collection arrangements will remain in place.**

**Going forward year groups can be contacted through Google Classroom and the year group and SLT email addresses available on the school website.**

For future updates please ensure that you have downloaded the School App and check the school website regularly.

With regards to the Free School Meal Provision we will send you an update towards the end of the week and it will begin next week.

Please keep safe and take care of yourselves and each other during this difficult time.

Yours Sincerely,



**Mrs T Johal**  
**Principal**