



# BRAMFORD AND SOMERSHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL FEDERATION



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Further to Boris Johnson's announcement at 8pm this evening, our decision and work to reopen both schools tomorrow will no longer go ahead. From tomorrow, all schools will be closed to all pupils other than those who are the children of key workers or those who are vulnerable.

Sadly, the lateness of this announcement leaves us no time to put in place appropriate arrangements for tomorrow. **Therefore, we will commence our on-site provision for key worker and vulnerable pupils from Wednesday 6th January.** Our online learning provision will also commence from Wednesday 6th January. I hope you will understand why we need this additional day to make arrangements.

Key worker and vulnerable provision will be offered at each school separately.

If you are a key worker or have a child who is considered vulnerable then please complete our form via the following links to let us know that your child/children will be accessing the provision from Wednesday.

Somersham Primary School: <https://forms.gle/UMaSTNjfhSyEhvL26>  
Bramford CEVC Primary School: <https://forms.gle/3iBUyG6VidZmp84u9>

The criteria for accessing this provision is as follows:

**Children whose parents are key workers:**

- **Health and social care** - doctor, nurse, midwife, paramedic, social worker, care worker, other frontline health and social care staff (paid or volunteer), producer or distributor of medicine or personal protective equipment
- **Education and childcare** - teaching or nursery staff, social worker, and specialist education professional who needs to continue working during COVID-19 crisis
- **Key public services** - staff in the justice system, religious staff, worker delivering key frontline services, responsible for management of the deceased, or a journalist or broadcaster providing public service broadcasting
- **Local and national government** - staff responsible for delivering essential public services (e.g. delivering benefits)
- **Food production and delivery** - staff involved in production, processing, delivery and sale of food and other key goods (e.g. hygienic and veterinary medicines)
- **National security** - police and support staff, Ministry of Defence civilian, contractor, and armed forces personnel, fire rescue service employees (and support staff), National Crime Agency staff, border security staff, prison and probation staff
- **Transport** - staff working to keep air, water, road, and rail transport running during the crisis (both freight and passenger)
- **Financial services** - essential staff in financial services (including banks, building societies, and financial market infrastructure)
- **Communication** - staff working network operations, field engineering, call centres, IT and data infrastructure, or 999 and 111

- **Utilities** - staff in the oil, gas, electricity, and water sectors (including sewerage worker), civil nuclear and chemicals, waste disposal, postal service, or payment providers

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**Children who are vulnerable** include those children who:

- are supported by social care
- those with safeguarding and welfare needs, including child in need plans, on child protection plans, 'looked after' children
- young carers
- disabled children and those with an EHCP

If you are unsure as to whether your child/children falls into either of these categories please call us tomorrow so we can guide you. A full list of the criteria for each category can be found on the government website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

If the sudden change to this decision leaves you in a truly difficult position tomorrow, especially if you are a critical worker, please let us know by responding to this email and someone will contact you in the morning to see what we can do to support you. Please only do this if, as a key worker or parent of a vulnerable child, you are genuinely unable to make arrangements for one further school day.

I thank you once again for your patience, understanding and support in these difficult times. As always if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Further information will follow for you tomorrow including full details of our remote learning policy and provision.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Burgess  
Executive Headteacher