

AHS.primary@avanti.org.uk www.avanti.org.uk/avantihouse

20/03/2020

Thank you for all the families for letting us know that you are Key workers and thank you for the work that you are doing to support this great national endeavor to combat and delay the spread of this Virus. I would like to clarify however that if you are able to safely look after your child/ren at home during this period of school closure then you must do so in order to continue to minimise the risk of the Virus spreading. That is why the government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend.

Schools, and all childcare providers, are therefore being asked to continue to provide care for a limited number of children - children who are vulnerable, and children whose parents are critical to the Covid-19 response and cannot be safely cared for at home. If you do not come under this category and/or can look after your child safely then please email Mr Koorichh as soon as you can. While we are open and providing this invaluable support, we are also running on skeleton staff in order to limit the chance of the virus spreading.

If your work is critical to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors listed below, and you cannot keep your child safe at home then your children will be prioritised for education provision:

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 distributers of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

Education and childcare

This includes childcare, support and teaching staff, social workers and those specialist education professionals who must remain active during the 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, and 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 COVID-19 response, or delivering essential public services, such as the payment of benefits, including in government agencies and arm's length bodies.

Avanti Schools Trust is a private company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity, registered in England and Wales under company registration number: 07506598 with registered address: Camrose Avenue, Edgware, Middlesex, HA8 6ES. VAT registration number: 122 8491 20 "Avanti House School" is an academy school within the trust, and is effectively a trading name of the trust.







AHS.primary@avanti.org.uk www.avanti.org.uk/avantihouse

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 COVID-19 pandemic), 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

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the COVID-19 response, including those working on transport systems 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 COVID-19 response, as well as 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 and waste disposal sectors.

If workers think they fall within the critical categories above, they should confirm with their employer that, based on their business continuity arrangements, their specific role is necessary for the continuation of this essential public service.

I am extremely grateful for the work our teachers are doing and for continuing to provide for the children of the other critical workers of our country. It is an essential part of our national effort to combat this disease.

Many thanks for your support.

Mrs Bellare Principal

Avanti Schools Trust is a private company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity, registered in England and Wales under company registration number: 07506598 with registered address: Camrose Avenue, Edgware, Middlesex, HA8 6ES. VAT registration number: 122 8491 20 "Avanti House School" is an academy school within the trust, and is effectively a trading name of the trust.



