



Gentleshaw Primary Academy

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Critical Worker Bubbles

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, can I thank you regarding your patience whilst we have been arranging suitable provision for critical worker children in school. This has been a time consuming process and your support and understanding is much appreciated.

The safety of our children, families and staff is of paramount importance to us. Therefore we have set out timetables and expectations when children are accessing the academy. The drop-off/collection timetable can be found on the academy website.

The timetable also has information regarding school clothing, parental expectations, where and who your child's bubble will be led by. In addition, we will be publishing a home/academy agreement tomorrow and ask that you read it carefully.

It has been necessary for us to organise critical worker pupils into bubbles. The four bubbles combine year groups and will be led by staff on a weekly rota, enabling teachers and support staff to also plan and carryout remote learning for pupils at home.

It is vital that numbers on site are kept to the minimum and that children only attend when it is absolutely necessary. Therefore, if there is an adult at home and your child can be safe at home - this is the best place for them to be. I completely understand that home learning whilst trying to work yourself is by no means ideal, however please remember that home is the safest place for your child and the school community. It is vital that employers work with us during the current situation and show understanding if you have your child at home.

It is also imperative that if your rota or working pattern changes at any point you please let us know as soon as possible. For the safety of all, pupils should only attend when the critical workers are at work. If you are finishing work before the allocated collection time we ask that you contact the academy office by telephone or email and collect your child as soon as possible.

Finally, thank you for all that you are doing as critical workers in the fights against Covid 19. Your role is appreciated by us all and by working together we hope that life as we knew it can return as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact the academy office or a member of the leadership team.

Thank you again for your support at a difficult time for us all.

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Headteacher