

# The Coastal Federation

Bacton Primary, Mundesley Infant (SRB) and Junior Schools

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Dear Parents

## Home School Learning

I hope that you are well and that your children are settling into their home learning. Please let your child's teacher know if you are confronted with any issues. We are in the process of getting some generic worksheet based learning in paper form issued, **although the online learning, produced daily by the teachers should be the main focus for your children.** We have also been able to loan a number of federation Chromebooks to those households where there is no computer or tablet - unfortunately we only have a limited supply of those. We were notified yesterday by the Government that there may be [support with mobile data costs](#) for those families who do not have broadband at home - please let the school office know if you think this applies to you and we will make an application of your behalf. If you have any concerns regarding home learning then please contact your child's class.

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## FedSchool Provision

### IMPORTANT Additional Guidance on Key Worker Status which will potentially affect eligibility of place at Fedschool

We were also notified yesterday evening that Norfolk County Council has given additional guidance to schools where the number of children attending are high compared to the last lockdown in March. The guidance can be seen below;

From **Chris Snudden**, Director of Learning and Inclusion, Norfolk County Council

We recognise that schools are asked to provide places for vulnerable children and critical worker children against existing restrictions (measures of control) and limited capacity (staffing). The [DfE Guidance](#) provides a starting point to establish who may be eligible to receive the offer of a place.

The measures of control required in schools have not changed aside from updates related to Tier 4. It may be helpful to remind parents that these are part of the school's effort to reduce the risk of transmission.

- o Bubbles should not be mixing
- o Staff are only assigned to a specific bubble
- o Social distancing between pupils and also between staff and pupils is still a requirement in some cases
- o It is not possible to combine groups of children with different staff in the way that was possible in the first lockdown
- o Where staff are unavailable, bubbles operating to support children (CW/VG) may still have to close

Where the number of children exceeds the capacity of the school to operate with the current measures of control, prioritisation will be necessary. In some schools this could affect both vulnerable groups and critical worker children. We are working with colleagues across East of England to have a coherent approach across the region.



At our three schools all of our teachers are working from home and will be doing so for the entirety of the lockdown as they have remote learning to organise for their entire class. FedSchool is staffed by teaching assistants, supervised by members of the senior leadership team, alongside a limited admin team.

At the Coastal Federation, on average during the first lockdown in March we had around 15 children in FedSchool made up of Critical Key Workers and Vulnerable children, this time we have had requests totaling 70. **When we are in a situation where staffing levels dictate a capacity issue** we will therefore need to look at attendees, particularly those in the current Critical Key Worker group based on the banded criteria below;

Please note:

- These places are intended for families who have **no other adult at home** to look after children and who are immediately required in the response to this virus. Regardless of your critical worker status **if there is an adult at home (even key workers working from home) you will not be offered a place**
- The [Government](#) have stated that during this lockdown parents can form childcare bubbles:  
"If you live in a household with anyone aged under 14, you can form a [childcare bubble](#). This allows friends or family from one other household to provide informal childcare."
- We may not offer full time places in some cases, so that more families can be accommodated;
- We reserve the right to request additional information direct from your workplace to confirm that you are needed on site, including shift patterns etc. and may ask you for further contact details.
- **The safest place for children to be is at home at this time.**
- Mixing with other children will heighten the risk of infection and should be avoided unless there are no other options.
- Some places will be filled by children of Coastal Federation staff who are required on school

sites (see Band 1 explanation below)

We have used another local authorities' banding criteria to support admission to FedSchool **when at capacity**

Banding	Descriptor
<p><b>Band 1</b> - will be allocated a place first</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● NHS frontline clinical staff or administrators (e.g. NHS 999 etc.) working directly with Coronavirus patients</li> <li>● First responders (i.e. paramedics or those who support them)</li> <li>● Police officers and some civilian police staff (e.g. dispatchers)</li> <li>● Firefighters</li> <li>● Those in NHS support services needed to keep hospitals and clinics running – e.g. hospital porters, full time hospital cleaners etc. (please explain when you fill in the survey)</li> <li>● School staff who are attending on site provision at their own schools – e.g. looking after the children of critical workers themselves. We would expect that these staff would be attending on a rota basis and would not require full time places. Those teaching at home in schools outside the Federation will not be offered in Band 1 but in Band 3 below.</li> <li>● Other frontline NHS workers (e.g. midwives, pathologists, CT scan operators, radiographers)</li> <li>● Local authority staff working in key emergency planning roles</li> <li>● Those responsible for the management of the deceased</li> <li>● Those medical staff involved in vaccination</li> </ul>
<p><b>Band 2</b> - will be allocated a place when all places are not used by band 1 parents (effectively first waiting list)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Those in other NHS/private care roles who will not be called upon to assist in coronavirus cases – e.g. care home staff, researchers, private pharmacists, OT, NHS administrators, other medical specialities etc.)</li> <li>● Social workers (not working from home)</li> <li>● Those involved with the supply chain for supermarkets and pharmacies (i.e. supermarket delivery drivers and those in supporting logistics roles)</li> <li>● Those working in key transport roles (train drivers, bus drivers)</li> <li>● Prison officers and some other prison staff or involved in judicial system</li> <li>● Those working in care homes or in meals on wheels</li> <li>● Community police officers</li> </ul>
<p><b>Band 3</b> - only able to offer a place if there are spaces left once other tiers have been accommodated.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Those involved in the water/power industry – delivery or maintenance</li> <li>● ICT or telecoms workers in critical roles (please explain in survey)</li> <li>● Those employed in necessary government processes such as the payment of benefits</li> <li>● Probation service staff</li> <li>● Those involved in fuel or gas deliveries or maintenance</li> <li>● Transport and associated staff in support roles for transport services. In the previous lockdowns most of these staff were able to change shifts to accommodate childcare</li> <li>● NHS medical students</li> <li>● Those working in postal services and delivery</li> <li>● Those working in waste disposal sectors</li> <li>● Teachers and other school staff working from home (no full time offers made)</li> </ul>

If you have a child attending FedSchool and you are currently considered to be a critical key worker (not vulnerable) then please can you fill in [our new survey](#) so that we have a very accurate set of information regarding your Critical Key Worker Status.

I hope that you and your family are coping well in this current climate and if there is anything that we as a school can do to support your children then please do not hesitate to contact us.

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