



# The Aylesbury Vale Academy

Including Berryfields Primary

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24 March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

The unfolding events over the course of the weekend have led me to be gravely concerned for the health of our whole community, but most especially school staff. We have been asked to provide **emergency childcare** for those delivering the frontline response to the Covid-19 crisis and the whole school staff has been unwavering in their support for this.

The best way for me to protect staff, children and the wider community is to have the smallest number of students possible in the government mandated childcare provision. This will minimise social contact in the community, which we know is key to preventing transmission of the virus. It is now apparent that this childcare is about necessity and not entitlement. Sadly, it is no longer the case of being able to safeguard livelihoods; it is about saving lives.

I, therefore, need to ask that wherever it is possible, children stay home to keep us all safe. This request is now in line with government advice. If your child is currently booked in to childcare this week, I ask that you consider whether it is absolutely necessary for them to attend for the wellbeing of all concerned. For example, if there are two carers at home and only one is a key worker, we will not be able to offer childcare. As of 25 March 2020, we will require parents to provide evidence of being a key worker for **all** adults living with your child. Children who arrive after 0830, may not be admitted. If you need to make a change, please contact us on [enquiries@theacademy.me](mailto:enquiries@theacademy.me)

Your support, as ever, is very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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