



The  
Portsmouth Academy

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**TPA On site provision for vulnerable children and children of critical workers**

Dear Parent / Carer,

As you know, the government has asked schools to remain open for the children of critical workers and vulnerable children. Full guidance for parents can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

In line with these government guidelines, TPA will be providing on-site education during the period of school closure. Students will work within small year group bubbles and access their on-line learning alongside their peers, via digital devices within the school.

We need to be very open about our ability to meet the guidance on social distancing. Whilst every effort will be made to deliver this provision in a way that meets the current government guidance on social distancing, parents and carers should be aware that in a school setting this is not possible to guarantee. For example, **it will be impossible to provide assurances around maintaining 2 metre distance from others and touching surfaces that have not have been potentially contaminated by others.**

Supervision will be provided by a range of adults including teachers, Student Engagement Workers, Learning Mentors and support staff. We are aiming to provide the same staff each day, for each year group bubble, to minimise the contact between staff and children. Please do bear in mind this may change if staff are required to self-isolate at any given time.

You should continue to follow government guidance on self-isolation in the event of your child or any of your household exhibiting symptoms of Coronavirus. In the event of your child displaying symptoms, you will be contacted and required to pick up your child immediately. They will then be expected to self-isolate, along with the household for 10 days.

Finally, as with any other time within our school setting, we will expect children attending to maintain appropriate behaviour. We will of course, work with children to support their behaviour, however, **should a child's behaviour be disruptive, unmanageable or unsafe then the normal behaviour policy will be applied.**

The form to request your child access this provision as you feel they fall into the category of vulnerable or you are a critical worker, may be accessed through the school website or via [this link](#).

We ask that you give the school 24 hours' notice that you need to use this provision, so that we can provide appropriate staffing. We would also request that you provide us with evidence of critical worker status at the time of application, or when your child arrives to school.

Yours faithfully,

Rachel Grey  
Principal  
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