

Dear Paren/Carer

We are fortunate that even before the announcement was made on Friday night some of our Balshaw's parents had already managed to make different arrangements for their children to be looked after at home.

The announcement made on Friday reinforced that "only children of critical workers and vulnerable children and young people should attend school or college" and then only when alternative arrangements can not be made. This is in response to the large rise in numbers of places requested at schools across the country compared to the first lockdown. We too have seen this increase.

It is important to note that students accessing provision in school will not be receiving anything different to those at home. They will have headphones and be sat at a computer, but subject to the usual school rules (uniform, no mobile phone etc.) If your child is accessing keyworker provision and you have not yet provided consent for them to be tested, please do so. We tested all staff in attendance at school on Friday and will commence tests with students first thing tomorrow morning.

Any one unsure of who classes as a Critical Worker can see the list on the [government website here](#).

So, remote learning begins for all from tomorrow. Assembly starts at 9.00am and then your child will follow their usual timetable as per my previous email. Attendance and engagement will be monitored.

Happy learning - let's hope we don't all return to school with square eyes, as my mum would say!

Kind regards

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Your Word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path. (Psalm 119, vs 105)