



Chew Valley School

Learn Grow Achieve

Headteacher: Gareth Beynon BA (Hons), MA

Chew Magna, Bristol BS40 8QB

Tel: (01275) 332272

Email: enquiries@chewvalleyschool.co.uk

Web: www.chewvalleyschool.co.uk

18th December 2020

Dear Parent/Carers

Following Mr Beynon's previous letter, you will be aware that schools need to provide on-site provision for vulnerable children and children of critical workers. Vulnerable children and young people include those who:

- are assessed as being in need under section 17 of the Children Act 1989, including children and young people who have a child in need plan, a child protection plan or who are a looked-after child
- have an education, health and care (EHC) plan
- have been identified as otherwise vulnerable by educational providers or local authorities (including children's social care services), and who could therefore benefit from continued full-time attendance, this might include:
- children and young people on the edge of receiving support from children's social care services or in the process of being referred to children's services
- adopted children or children on a special guardianship order
- those at risk of becoming NEET ('not in employment, education or training')
- those living in temporary accommodation
- those who are young carers
- those who may have difficulty engaging with remote education at home (for example, due to a lack of devices or quiet space to study)
- care leavers
- other children and young people at the provider and local authority's discretion including students who need to attend to receive support or manage risks to their mental health

Children whose parents/carers are classed as critical workers include those whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) response including those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined in the following sections:

- Health and social care
- Education and childcare
- Key public services
- Local and national government
- Food and other necessary goods
- Public safety and national security
- Transport
- Utilities, communication and financial services

We are writing to you because we believe your child or children in Years 7-10 fall into one or more of the categories above.

Your child/children are therefore entitled to return to school on Tuesday 5th January. However, if you feel that your child is able to access online learning at home for the four days during 5th January – 8th January and does not need this provision, we would appreciate you letting us know. This will allow us to plan for correct numbers in school. Please contact us via attendance@chewvalleyschool.co.uk by 11am on Friday 1st January.

The school day will run on the same times as we had during Terms 1 and 2. All buses will also be running as normal during this week. We will expect your child/children in school unless we receive communication from you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Hannah Kenyon', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Hannah Kenyon
Assistant Headteacher