

## Southridge First School

**Please be aware of the following current COVID-19 information for parents/carers.**

1. We appreciate you staying in contact with us and checking updates regularly.
2. Since 23 March, our school has remained open only to a priority group of children. Critical worker children can attend and children whose parents work in the NHS are our priority critical worker group.
3. We are planning very carefully to safely welcome back children as directed by the government. To do this, we need to take into account the health and wellbeing of our staff and the limits of our building for current social distancing guidance. Different schools are doing this in their own way because of these factors.
4. Each child is placed in a group/ bubble with a member of staff and will remain there throughout the day. This limits interactions with others. However, groups / bubbles may change over time as other children come back to school.
5. If your circumstances change and you would like to request a school place, please contact the headteacher [office@southridgefirst.org.uk](mailto:office@southridgefirst.org.uk) **at least 7 days in advance** to allow us to update our plans.
6. We will continue to support home learning as appropriate. The DFE guidance states that  
*“Schools and colleges continue to be best placed to make decisions about how to support and educate all their pupils during this period, based on the local context and staff capacity.  
Schools should use best endeavours to support pupils attending school as well as those remaining at home.”*
7. Parents will not be fined for non-attendance of their children at this time.