

## “Skeleton School” FAQs for Parents

### What is the “skeleton” school?

During the period of school closure, KAA will run a “skeleton” school for the following students:

- **Children of key workers**
- **Vulnerable students** (including children who are supported by social care, those with safeguarding and welfare needs, including children in need plans, on child protection plans, ‘looked after’ children, young carers, disabled children, and those with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP))

**It is important to note that, in order to comply with the government’s objective of minimising the number of pupils in schools to limit the spread of infection, this service cannot be extended to the children of non-key workers or to non-vulnerable pupils. We therefore must insist that you do not register for this service unless you fulfil the stated criteria.**

### Medical

The current government health advice is very clear that students with a pre-existing medical condition should be self-isolating at home until further notice. This includes conditions such as:

- Respiratory diseases, such as asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), emphysema or bronchitis
- Heart conditions
- Kidney problems
- A learning disability or cerebral palsy
- Diabetes
- a weakened immune system as the result of conditions such as HIV and AIDS, or cancer treatment

**For this reason we cannot accept on site a student with the conditions above during this closure period.**

For routine first aid, we will make efforts to ensure that there is a qualified first aider on-site, however, you will appreciate that we can make no guarantees due to the staffing shortages in the current situation.

Both the academy medical officer and the SLT medical coordinator will be available every day for remote consultations regarding any first aid issues that will arise.

### Do I qualify for key worker eligibility?

Parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined below. Many parents working in these sectors may be

able to ensure their child is kept at home. **Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.**

- **Health and Social Care** (including but not limited to doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers and other frontline health and social care staff including support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including distributors and producers of medicines and medical equipment)
- **Education and childcare** (including nursery and teaching staff, social workers and those specialist education professionals who must remain active during the COVID-19 response to deliver this approach)
- **Key public services** (including those essential to the running of the justice system, religious staff, charities and workers delivering key frontline services, those responsible for the management of the deceased, and journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting)
- **Local and national government** (those in administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the COVID-19 response or delivering essential public services such as the payment of benefits, including in government agencies and arms length bodies.
- **Food and other necessary goods** (those involved in food production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery, as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (including hygiene products and veterinary medicines).
- **Public safety and national security** (including police and support staff, Ministry of Defence civilians, contractor and armed forces personnel, fire and rescue services (including support staff), National Crime Agency staff, those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles.
- **Transport** (including those keeping air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating)
- **Utilities, communication and financial services** (including staff needed for essential financial services provision, the oil, gas electricity and water sectors, information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies, as well as key staff working in civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications, postal services and delivery, payment providers and waste disposal sectors)

If you think your job falls within the critical categories above, you should confirm with your employer that, based on their business continuity arrangements, your specific role is necessary for the continuation of this essential public service.

### **How do I register my child?**

We will ask that parents who wish to send their child into school to register for the days their child will attend school with at least 48 hours notice to ensure we have an appropriate level of staffing each day. Parents can register their child for the week ahead at:

<https://kaa.org.uk/students-parents/covid-19-parent-updates/>. A new registration form will be updated weekly for parents to register through.

**What timetable will the school follow?**

The school will run from 9am to 3pm Monday to Friday.

Students will be welcomed each morning for a morning briefing and then follow the KAA @ Home timetable online, supported by KAA staff. The day will also include a break, lunchtime and art / sports in the afternoon.

**Who will be supervising the skeleton school timetable?**

We have a core team of staff who have volunteered to continue working onsite to supervise the skeleton school. Obviously the staff members on site may change if teachers are forced to self-isolate or can no longer commute due to disruption to transport services. However, there will at all times be a staff to student ratio of 1:10.