

Consortia help to stay open

Planning ahead

Schools are open for critical workers with the link <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers#critical-workers>

and vulnerable children with the link <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers#vulnerable-children>

Unless children are in one of these two groups parents are advised to keep their children at home

Schools are required to stay open

Adhere to social distancing requirements

Ensure the local authority has a named Key person for transport, catering and data returns

It is crucial that schools note that they are:

- required to contact the WCC Leadership helpline 01926 412011 before turning away any children who are eligible for care because they do not have the staff. This can be rectified within an hour in most circumstances.
- required to contact the WCC Leadership helpline 01926 412011 before taking any steps for closure.

They must always turn to their continuity plans first, they should inform the chair of the consortium, and contact the WCC Leadership helpline for further advice, should their continuity plans fail.

Pairs of Schools: Each school needs to have their own basic 'continuity plan', linked with another geographically close school.

This is to cover:

- Caretaking, cleaning and locking and unlocking buildings
- Teaching staff cover. This could be on a rota basis, dependent upon the number required on the site and how many of the staff are fit and well.
- Trained DSLs on site
- Teaching assistant cover
- Admin cover
- Catering arrangements for FSM
- Transport arrangements where provided by the LA
- Paediatric trained first aiders where EYFS children are on site