

## 23rd March 2020 : Coronavirus COVID-19 Update

The Department of Health and Social Care have now confirmed 2,189 cases for London. The Minister for School Standards (Nick Gibb MP) and Education Secretary (Gavin Williamson MP) announced the following:

**BBC Radio 5 Live** @bbc5live

'You should only send your child to school if you have to because your work is critical'


School's minister @NickGibbUK says even if you're on the list, think twice about sending your child in.

Read more: [bbc.in/2WMSj5x](http://bbc.in/2WMSj5x)

#Coronavirus #COVID19

**“**  
If it's absolutely essential that you go into work and you can't work from home, only then should you send your child into school today.  
**”**

**NICK GIBB MP**  
MINISTER FOR SCHOOL STANDARDS



**Gavin Williamson** @GavinWilliamson

You should only send your child to school on Monday if you have to, because your work is critical to our COVID-19 response.

If you are able to keep your child at home, you should.

#StayHomeSaveLives

**STAY AT HOME**

**PROTECT THE NHS**

**save lives**

**Department for Education** @educationgovuk

Please share with other parents.

If your work is not critical in the response to Coronavirus then please keep your child at home.

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[gov.uk/coronavirus](http://gov.uk/coronavirus)

**NHS**

HM Government

The guidance for social distancing was updated today and available to view with this website link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults>

The school will remain closed to pupils unless they now meet one of these criteria and we have confirmed this directly with those specific families:

- Parent is a critical key worker
- Child protection status as a family
- Higher tier Social Services case

We are monitoring government updates daily and will provide updates.

- Teachers and leaders will continue the 9:30-10:00 email sharing optional home learning ideas and activities.
- We will send the information from the Local Authority when they have confirmed how they will provide vouchers for family's that are entitled to a daily free school meal. This will come directly to those families.

We wish every family safety during these uncertain times. Take care and good luck.