

There has been much confusion on social media regarding whether schools are open and to whom.

From Wednesday 6th January The Gainsborough Academy is open only to the children of critical workers and those requiring additional support.

You should only send your child to school from Wednesday 6th January if you have to because your work is critical to our COVID-19 response or because they have been identified as requiring additional support. You will have already been contacted if this is the case.

The school is only open as an emergency provision for key workers where there is no alternative option other than for them to send their child to school. Parents should keep their children at home. Key worker parents should ensure, where possible, that students are left at home safely because there is adequate care or they are old enough and responsible enough to look after themselves. Only then this is not possible should a key worker parent send their child to school.

The spread of the new variant of COVID-19 has led to rapidly escalating case numbers across the country. Accordingly, the government has made the decision to close schools to the vast majority of students. By closing schools, we are slowing down the spread of transmission. The Gainsborough Academy is open but we must ensure we support the minimum number of students possible and deploy the minimum number of staff. This way we can reduce the risk to everyone.

