



Striving for Excellence

Cirencester Kingshill School

Head: Christine S. Oates

6th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Over the last few days you will have received contact from school, either by telephone or via email, inviting your son/daughter to continue to attend school during this current lockdown. This is because your son/daughter falls into the very broad category identified by the Government as a 'vulnerable pupil'. Further details regarding this category can be found at

[Children of critical workers and vulnerable children who can access schools or educational settings - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

We warmly welcome the children into school and wish to reassure you that their safety and wellbeing is paramount to us.

If a parent chooses not to send their son/daughter into school, the Department for Education has instructed us to code their attendance as a C code. This means their absence is authorised. I have spoken to Gloucestershire Education Authority today and they have confirmed that "the data relating to this whole period for individuals and schools will not be taken into account in any way by the DfE, Ofsted or the Local Authority, so there is no inequality issue with this process."

At any point that you review any decision made and feel it would be beneficial for your son/daughter to attend, please let me know and this can be set up very quickly.

Thank you for your ongoing support during these challenging times.

At any point you feel there might be something we can do to help your son/daughter, please do get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

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