

## **Discovery Schools Academy Trust (DSAT): Admissions Arrangements During Covid- 19 Epidemic.**

DSAT ('the Trust') seeks to clarify the admissions arrangements and process for all schools in the Trust which will be applied during the current pandemic. Currently, schools are not operating in their traditional form and are only offering childcare to vulnerable children or children of keyworkers, as defined in the following government documents:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

**Consequently, and following advice from the Local Authorities', the Trust has taken the decision to suspend all new admissions of children into our schools until government school restrictions are lifted. Parents can still submit applications for places during school closure which will only be processed following normal procedures, in line with the National Admission Code 2014, when schools are officially reopened.**

The Trust has set out the following advice for parents during this time;

Families who have been allocated a place and were due to start after Easter must either;

- a) Stay on roll of their current school. Your place will be held and you will be contacted with a new start date when schools are officially reopened. You will need to contact your current school as they are responsible for supporting your child with remote learning opportunities during this time.
- b) If your child is now not on roll at any school, parents/guardians can make the decision to temporarily home school and so will need to inform their current Local Authority of this decision. In order to safeguard all children, failure for a child to be registered either at a school or home schooled will result in the child being classed as 'missing from education' and risk the involvement of other agencies.

### **Other Admissions:**

If a child is not on roll at any school, and evidence is provided that the child's parents/guardian are a key worker or they are identified as a vulnerable child (see above links to definition documents), the Trust will make specific arrangements to admit the child, working with the family, Local Authority and other services to ensure as smooth as possible induction.

This document is not applicable to vulnerable children or children of keyworkers who attend a DSAT school from another school they are enrolled in on a temporary basis while their current school is closed.