



20th March 2020

Dear Parents,

Rather helpfully, the DfE released the key worker list early this morning...I was reading it at 3am!

Please see the advice below which is taken from the Gov.uk website.

The overriding message is:

If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.

That is why the government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend.

It is important to underline that schools remain safe places for children. But the fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society.

Schools, therefore, are being asked to continue to provide care for **a limited number of children** - children who are vulnerable and children whose parents are critical to the Covid-19 response and cannot be safely cared for at home. I appreciate that many parents are working from home and having children there may compromise your ability to work 100% however it is still better that they are at home. **This is for a limited number of children only.**

Vulnerable children include children who are supported by social care, those with safeguarding and welfare needs, including child in need plans, on child protection plans, 'looked after' children, young carers, disabled children and those with [education, health and care \(EHC\) plans](#).

Parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined below. **Many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. And every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.**

Please, therefore, follow these key principles:

1. If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.
2. If a child needs specialist support, is vulnerable or has a parent who is a critical worker, then educational provision will be available for them

Key worker list

- **Health and social care**
Frontline health and social care staff such as doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, as well as support and specialist staff in the health and social care sector. In addition it includes those working in supply chains including producers and distributors of medicines and personal protective equipment.
- **Education and childcare**
Nursery, teaching staff and social workers.



- **Key public services**

This includes those essential to the running of the justice system, religious staff, charities and workers delivering key frontline services, those responsible for the management of the deceased, and journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting..

- **Local and national government**

Administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the Covid-19 response or delivering essential public services, including payment of benefits.

- **Food and other necessary goods**

Those involved in the production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery of food.

- **Public safety and national security**

Police, support staff, Ministry of Defence civilian staff and armed forces personnel, fire and rescue staff, and those responsible for border security, prisons and probation.

- **Transport**

Those who will keep air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the Covid-19 response.

- **Utilities, communication and financial services**

Staff required to keep oil, gas, electricity, water and sewerage operations running. Staff in the civil nuclear, chemical and telecommunications sectors. Those in postal services and those working to provide essential financial services.

How is this going to work in reality?

Please see the attached link for parents to complete.

Please complete this survey **only if you are a key worker** and require support from the school from Monday 23 March onwards. As announced by the Education Secretary, schools will be closing from Friday 20 March until further notice due to the Government's Covid-19 strategy

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/R8FVX3D>

Basic details:

- At the moment we can't offer breakfast and after school club as Laura Jones is self-isolating and we are not sure about deliveries from Sainsburys
- We will open from 8.30 -3.20 normal hours
- We will provide school dinners for those who normally have them. If your child brings in packed lunch you can either carry on with that or change to school dinners. Please let us know
- Easter holidays opening. At this precise moment in time, I cannot say if we are doing this or not, there are 2 weeks to go before then and by Monday I shall have a clearer idea of what teachers are planning to do over their Easter holidays.
- I need to stress that we will not be carrying out normal teaching activities. We will be following a timetable which will be sent out today.

Kind regards

Mrs Davies