

Dear Parent

As you are aware the government has stated their intention to open schools in some form in June. We have no confirmation as to what this will look like and what will be expected of us as a school. However if primary schools are asked to open for some or all of their children then they will be forced to cease to function as “hubs” (schools providing childcare for an area); removing the childcare they have been providing for all school age children of key workers or who are defined as vulnerable. Logic therefore demands that even if secondary schools are not reopened to teach full year groups at this point they will need to fill the gap left by the hub closures. Consequently we are planning to open, should it be deemed necessary, as a “standalone” provision (school providing childcare for its own students). We therefore need to plan over the next two weeks how this can be done safely. The first stage is to establish who would make use of this provision.

Therefore please complete the online form if you need this provision, and the reason why, using the link below. The deadline for this is midday Friday 22nd May so we can begin to plan accordingly.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=HiLfe0d0jEqu0l2FaH5XWvdQcK-WyChNpyvF-P0npyBUQkY0VjFJNUI1OFhUSUIOTDVAteIUNVI5Ny4u>

The Government defines Key Workers thus:

Health and social care

This includes, but is not limited to, doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK’s health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

Education and childcare

This includes:

- childcare
- support and teaching staff
- social workers
- specialist education professionals who must remain active during the COVID-19 response to deliver this approach

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
- journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting

Local and national government

This only includes:

- those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the COVID-19 response
- or delivering essential public services, such as the payment of benefits, including in government agencies and arms length bodies

Food and other necessary goods

This includes those involved in food:

- production
- processing
- distribution

- sale and delivery
- as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines)

Public safety and national security

This includes:

- police and support staff
- Ministry of Defence civilians
- contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the COVID-19 outbreak)
- fire and rescue service employees (including support staff)
- National Crime Agency staff
- those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas

Transport

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the COVID-19 response, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass.

Utilities, communication and financial services

This includes:

- staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure)
- the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage)
- information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the COVID-19 response
- key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services)
- postal services and delivery
- payments providers
- waste disposal sectors

Vulnerable Children are defined as:

Children with an EHCP, children with a social worker, children in care or children under a child in need plan or a child protection order.

Thank you for your support.

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