



Dear all

SCHOOL WILL BE SHUT FOR ALL PUPILS ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY WHILST WE PLAN PROVISION

Please be understanding of the role the school is providing over the foreseeable future, and we respectfully ask you to adhere to the Government guidelines, especially Point 1 and Point 4 of the Key Principles.

Last night the Government released further information on the classification of Key Workers. We will be adhering to guidelines and therefore we will be remaining open for those children whose parents, or parent, is categorised as a Key Worker. We will also remain open over the Easter holidays to facilitate the children of any Key Workers, however, we may be working alongside other primary schools to facilitate this.

All parents/carers, please be aware that if we do not contact you by Monday then your child will be expected to stay at home in your care.

Even if you are a Key Worker please be aware that the Government are advising that children should still stay at home if safe but school will remain open if they '**absolutely need to attend**'.

The Government have released these key principles; please, therefore, follow them:

- 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.
3. Parents should not rely for childcare upon those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category such as grandparents, friends, or family members with underlying conditions.
4. Parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults.
5. Residential special schools, boarding schools and special settings continue to care for children wherever possible.

Key Workers include:

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 nursery and teaching staff, social workers and those 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, and 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 pandemic), 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, as well as 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 and waste disposal sectors.

We need you to tell us what days next week you need the school to provide provision for and the dates you request if over the Easter holidays. Should this extend after Easter then we will seek further dates from you then.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

I have attached links to the Government Documents for Parents and for Schools regarding this for more information should you need it below.

Thank you

Keep well and stay safe

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

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