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Further update on the School Closure 20-3-20

Key workers please read on

Children of 'key workers' should only be sent to school if there is NO possible provision for them to be cared for at home. If it is at all possible for children to be at home then they should be. The government have closed schools to alleviate the threat of children, their families and staff contracting and passing on the COVID-19 virus.

The school will be maintained by a skeleton staff who will work in teams, in week-long blocks to further protect themselves and their families and, of course, the children and their families.

If you are in any of the categories below, please consider whether **you need** the provision being offered by the school then let the school know when your children will be in school. We will be happy to provide support if needed but would prefer that your children are here (the school being the sole care provider) rather than being sent to school and relatives, friends or other provision which may increase the risk of infection.

The school day will run from 8.30 to 3.00. Provided that staff and their families remain well, however, we may be able to care for children up to 5.00pm. Please email or phone the office as soon as you know what provision you will need, the sooner we know the better, thank you.

Please consider very carefully if you need to send your child to school. Any child who is in school when they don't have to absolutely need to be is risking spreading the virus to the vulnerable members of society and putting the health and safety of the other pupils at risk and the adults who work with them at risk.

Official list of key workers:

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.

If workers think they fall within the critical categories above they should confirm with their employer that, based on their business continuity arrangements, their specific role is necessary for the continuation of this essential public service.

