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Parents and Carers

Please note that all letters and daily updates are on our school website.

More recently, the list of key workers has been lengthened, to include all the service areas listed below, on page two of this letter. Children of key workers, who fall into this group, can continue to attend school as usual from 23rd March 2020, unless they are unwell or can be cared for safely at home. Children with EHC plans and children with a social worker can attend school as usual, also. The school will be closed to all other children until further notice.

'Many parents working in these (key worker) 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.' (Government statement, 19th March 2020.)

The core purpose of school remains the same. **Learning must continue.** Year group online learning resources are ready and will be uploaded onto our website at 8:30am on Monday 23rd March 2020. Every week, at the same time, new learning activities will be uploaded. There is also a recommended timetable, to help avoid a complete departure from school routines and disciplines. Every child, **including** children still attending school, **must** complete these activities. **This online curriculum will provide the statutory learning baseline for each year group, for as long as necessary.**

Again, our website will provide you with an update or message, daily. It is crucial that you check the website, on a daily and frequent basis. It is our main mode of communication with you.

We are here to support. Stay well and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

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KEY WORKER CATEGORIES

Health and social care - include:

- doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers and other frontline health and social care staff.
- volunteers, 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 – include:

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

Key public services – include:

- 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.
- administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the COVID-19 response or delivering essential public services such as the payment of benefits.
- food and other necessary goods – this includes those involved in food production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery and individuals essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines).
- 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)
- those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas.
- transport - includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the COVID-19 response and those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass.
- utilities, communication and financial services - includes staff needed for essential financial services provision
- 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 and delivery services
- payments providers
- waste disposal sectors.