



Dear parents/carers,

Overnight the government has announced us with further guidance.

First and foremost, 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 has 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. Schools are therefore being asked to continue to provide care for a limited number of children. This includes, children who are vulnerable, children's who parents are critical to the Covid 19 response and cannot be safely cared for at home.

Many parents working in the sectors below may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be. Parents whose work is critical to the Covid 19 response 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.

Yesterday we asked for an indication as to whether you required a possible place for your child/children should you be eligible. The provision will run between the hours 9:00 until 3:30. Unless children are on free school meals, the requirement is that children are to bring their own packed lunch with them.

We now need final confirmation, based on the criteria and the information outlined above, as to whether a place is needed. Places will then be allocated based upon school resources and staffing levels and we cannot guarantee a place. Where places are not available, you will need to contact the local authority who will support you to find the best setting for your child/children.

Please confirm to school via email/telephone by 12 o'clock today if you still require a place. Please note, you will still need to contact us to confirm your need for a place even if you indicated this yesterday (as we are aware due to this new guidance some could change)

Thank you again for your continued support.

  
Melanie Priestley (CEO)

