

Information for parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response.

The government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend. School is closed for all other children from Monday 23rd March 2020.

Schools are, therefore, being asked to continue to provide care for a limited number of children - children who are vulnerable and children whose parents are critical to the Covid-19 response and cannot be safely cared for at home.

Vulnerable children include children who are supported by social care, those with safeguarding and welfare needs, including child in need plans, on child protection plans, 'looked after' children, young carers, disabled children and those with education, health and care (EHC) plans.

If your work is critical to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors listed in the link below, and you cannot keep your child safe at home then your children will be prioritised for education provision during the hours you work.

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

If you have completed the survey you do not need to do this again. If you haven't please could this be done ASAP and by 11am this morning. The school has been limited to the number of children it can take so it is vital that we know who needs our support so that we can prioritise appropriately.

Key Worker Link:

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

School Survey Link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeJIQDRn7evqU91WZj5JFjTlkhg37dpXDI3gC8vnDIZuBcSGw/viewform?usp=sf link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeJIQDRn7evqU91WZj5JFjTlkhg37dpXDI3gC8vnDIZuBcSGw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

A registration form will be emailed to you later today if we are able to offer your child(ren) a place.

As I am sure you can imagine every member of the school staff will be working very hard to ensure that the everything runs as smooth as possible. To assist us with this please try to avoid phoning the school unless absolutely necessary today.

Many thanks for your support and understanding at this unusual time.