

Dear Parents/Carers,

This morning we have received further guidance from the Department of Education on how we maintain education provision following the announcement earlier this week that schools will close.

You can access the parent guide here - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

We are continuing to work through what this means for us as a school and I will provide more information later today.

Many of you have been in touch to ask about a key worker list. The Department of Education have released the list of key workers today. This is below. Please note that the guidance is for anyone in the below categories who cannot keep their child safe at home. If it is possible for your child to be at home then they should be.

**Health and social care**

Frontline health and social care staff such as doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, as well as support and specialist staff in the health and social care sector. In addition it includes those working in supply chains including producers and distributors of medicines and personal protective equipment

**Education and childcare**

Nursery, teaching staff and social workers

**Key public services**

Those required to run the justice system, religious staff, as well as those responsible for managing the deceased, and journalists providing public service broadcasting.

**Local and national government**

Administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the Covid-19 response or delivering essential public services, including payment of benefits.

**Food and other necessary goods**

Those involved in the production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery of food.

**Public safety and national security**

Police, support staff, Ministry of Defence civilian staff and armed forces personnel, fire and rescue staff, and those responsible for border security, prisons and probation.

**Transport**

Those who will keep air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the Covid-19 response.

**Utilities, communication and financial services**

Staff required to keep oil, gas, electricity, water and sewerage operations running. Staff in the civil nuclear, chemical and telecommunications sectors. Those in postal services and those working to provide essential financial services.

Further information will be sent to you later today.