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Dear parents,

Re: keyworkers

I am writing to update you on the current situation with regards school remaining open for the children of keyworkers. The letter requires immediate action.

Who is Eligible?

The governments has released the list of keyworkers, and that is included at the end of this letter. If you work in one of the critical sectors listed, and you cannot keep your child safe at home, then your children can attend school. If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.

What time will school be open?

School will be open initially from 9am to 3.30pm. This may be revised depending on the level of need.

Where should I take my child?

Bring your child to school at 9am on Monday morning. The Gordon Road gates will be open for you. Make your way to the main school hall where your children will be collected from you.

How do I let you know my child will attend?

It is **vital** that you register your child on the school website. We need to know how many children will attend and who they will be. The deadline is **12.30 today**. This will give school clarity on the provision that it will need to make. Go to 'Parent Information > parent forms > are you a keyworker' and complete the form as comprehensively as you can. Thank you to those of you who have already completed the form.



Do they have to attend?

If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be. There is no obligation to send your child to school.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr P O'Rourke
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The list of identified key workers is as follows:

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 school 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 arm's 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 you fall within any of the critical categories above, please confirm with your employer that, based on their business continuity arrangements, your specific role is necessary for the continuation of this essential public service.