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Dear Parents and Carers

Following the government's announcement, I am writing to inform you of the groups of pupils who school will be open for from Monday onwards.

The government have said:

Please follow these key principles:

- 1. If it is at all possible for children to be at home they should be.**
2. If a child needs specialist support, is vulnerable or has a parent who is a critical worker, the educational provision will be available to them.
3. Parents should not rely on childcare from those who are advised to be at risk from COVID19, eg people over 70, friends or family with underlying health conditions.
4. Parents should do everything possible to avoid their child socially mixing to prevent the spread of the virus.
5. Residential special schools, boarding schools and special settings continue to care for children wherever possible.

School will only be open for the children of those deemed to be key workers and vulnerable children.

Vulnerable children include:

- Children with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP)
- Children who are working with a social worker or who are looked after.

Key Workers:

The government defines key workers as parents whose profession falls within one of the following categories

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



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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.

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

If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be. I will shortly be sending out a text with a link to a form. Please can you complete the form by 1pm today to allow us to plan accordingly.

I understand that many people will be concerned and will face a difficult time over the coming weeks.

However, by working together I am confident we will ensure that we get through the next few weeks/months and support those most in need while keeping the key workers in a position that they can maintain their invaluable work.

Yours Sincerely

A. Booth