

Tuesday 5th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carers,

We would like to give some guidance around Keyworker definition.

The message from SJB and the government today is:

Wherever possible you and your child MUST stay at home.

We recognise the difficulties, struggles and inconvenience caused, however, we must reiterate the reason for the Lockdown, to save lives and protect the NHS.

Please see pages 2 and 3 for the most up to date definition and categories for Key workers.

Please note the categories are only applicable for parents

'whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and EU transition response'

In addition, at this time, your child will not be eligible if one parent/carer is not a key worker. We again recognise this is not easy but we are also aware there are other single parent families in similar positions and we must keep the number of children in school to a minimum. We will continue to monitor this.

If you are a key worker and are eligible for your child to attend school during Lockdown please fill in the online survey <u>here</u> to help us plan in-school and remote learning provision.

I would like to thank you again for your understanding and support at this time. The kind messages we have received have been a positive encouragement to us as a school community.

We want all our children to be in school but right now we have to recognise it is essential for the safety of the wider community and our staff if they are not here.

We will be working hard to ensure more children are able to effectively access remote learning as quickly as possible.

Kind regards,

Helen Pearson

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Critical workers

Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and EU transition response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined in the following sections.

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:

- childcare
- support and teaching staff
- social workers
- specialist education professionals who must remain active during the coronavirus (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
- 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 coronavirus (COVID-19) response, and the delivery of and response to EU transition
- essential public services, such as the payment of benefits and the certification or checking of goods for import and export (including animal products, animals, plants and food), 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)



Critical workers (continued)

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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 coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and EU transition)
- 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 and border

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response and EU transition, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass and those constructing or supporting the operation of critical transport and border infrastructure 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 coronavirus (COVID-19) response
- 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
- waste disposal sectors