

Letter to Parents Friday 20th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

This morning, we received an update from the Government outlining which children are able to attend schools after the weekend.

The key change to the information shared with you yesterday, is that only **one** parent or carer needs to be in a key worker role for your child to be able to attend school from Monday. **However, the government is absolutely clear, that if you can keep your child at home, then it is better that you do so in order to slow the spread of infection in the community.**

The key worker roles are:

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: 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 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.

The list is far greater than schools were expecting. As a result, we will keep our Hub approach under review. From next week, (with the exception of Garras, Cury and Coverack children, who will be cared for with their staff at Mullion Primary school,) all children from the families of key workers should attend their original schools. We will advise you of any further changes before the end of next week. Please keep visiting your school's website for updates.

If there are insufficient staff to keep a school open next week, we will make arrangements for your children to go to one of the other schools to enable you to go work. You will be informed if this is the case through the school website. When a school is closed, the local radio stations will usually announce any new school closures, but your best and most accurate source of information will be the school's website.

In order to plan for school lunches, staff cover etc it is **essential** that your school knows two things:

- Your specific key worker role
- Whether you will be sending your child to school

Please contact the school office on 01326 562249.

We still await information about how free school meals will be provided to those not attending school, but hope to provide you with an update shortly. Once again, this information will be shared via your school's website.

We know this is a very difficult time for you all. Thank you once again for your patience as we respond on a daily basis to this challenging situation.

Yours sincerely

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