



4th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

We are extremely sorry to be writing so early in the new year to explain about school closures however, as the Prime Minister has just informed the country that we will all be moving to a national lockdown and moving to alert level 5 from midnight, we have no choice but to close both Wroughton Infants and Juniors to all children except those of key workers and those identified by school leaders as meeting the vulnerable criteria.

The Government's list of key workers is at the end of this letter. if you feel you meet the criteria for key worker provision please email me directly using the email address exehead@wroughtonfederation.co.uk
Please provide the following details:

Child's name

Year group

Your role as a key worker

The days that you need the provision for – **you can only access the provision on days you are working as a key worker to free up space for other children**

Please note that we are expecting a high number of parents needing key worker provision so it might be necessary for us to ask individuals further questions relating to your key worker role. If there is an adult in the family that is not a key worker, please do not use school key worker provision. We need to prioritise key worker provision for those families who have two parents identified as key workers or those in single key worker parent households. **It is imperative that you include full details of your key worker roles.**

To allow us time to make the necessary arrangements for key worker provision, the Infant school will be closed to ALL children on Tuesday 5th January. The Junior school is still not accessible as a result of the ongoing building works however as Boris indicated that the national lockdown is likely to continue until at least February half term, we know we need to find a way to provide key worker provision at another location. **It is important to note that the key worker provision for Junior children will not be in the Junior school main building until it is deemed safe.** We will contact key worker and vulnerable families on Tuesday with full details of the provision and when this will begin. It might not be possible to offer key worker provision for Junior children until a suitable alternative space is found.

We fully understand the stress and anxiety caused by Boris' decision tonight. Schools do not receive advance notice of these decisions and staff are now also faced with their own challenges to secure key worker provision for their own children. Please remember that we are all in this together.

In terms of home learning, Miss Keeping and Mrs Tkocz will work with class teachers to communicate the details over the coming days. We appreciate your patience whilst we get everything organised.

If you meet the key worker criteria listed below, please email me at: exehead@wroughtonfederation.co.uk by 10am on Tuesday. We will contact key worker families and those identified as meeting the vulnerable criteria by the end of Tuesday with details of the provision available. At this time, I am unable to confirm whether there will be breakfast and after school provision. This will depend on the Government guidance which schools have not yet received. We are also waiting for confirmation that the transport provided by Swindon Borough Council will be available during the lockdown. We will confirm these details as soon as we have been given the information.

Your sincerely

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Executive Headteacher

The Government criteria for key workers is:

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)



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

