



KINGSDALE 11-19 FOUNDATION SCHOOL

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Re: Entitlement to Access Education during School Closure re novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)/Guardian(s),

Following the decision of the government to close schools from Monday 23rd March 2020 for all students, except those of key workers and those in specific vulnerable groups, we are asking parents to confirm by 7.30pm this evening or as soon as possible thereafter, whether they identify from the list of key worker occupations below and whether they intend to send their child/ren in to school from Monday of next week. This can be done online by completing this online form



<https://myeds.co.uk/m/6vhGQHgtt6Ww>, or by sending the attached electronic form back to us via email at attendanceoffice@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk Parents can also call 02086559783 and leave a message. Providing this information will allow us to plan our provision most effectively in with government social distancing and other guidelines.

Please be advised that for eligible students, the school will also be open for them during the Easter break scheduled to take place from Monday 6th April until Friday 17th April 2020.

Please note the following key points from the government's key worker guidance:

- If at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be
- It is not compulsory for children of key workers to be sent to school during the period of school closures
- If a child needs specialist support, is vulnerable or has a parent who is a critical worker (key worker as described below) then educational provision is available for them, usually at their current school
- Educational provision is available only for key workers whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response and where children of these workers cannot be kept safe at home otherwise
- A child need only have one parent who is defined as a key worker for them to be eligible for educational provision

Please be advised that the following occupations have been classified as falling in to the key worker category at this time:

- **Health and social care** - doctor, nurse, midwife, paramedic, social worker, care worker, other frontline health and social care staff (paid or volunteer), producer or distributor of medicine or personal protective equipment
- **Education and childcare** - teaching or nursery staff, social worker, and specialist education professional who needs to continuing working during COVID-19 crisis

- **Key public services** - staff in the justice system, religious staff, worker delivering key frontline services, responsible for management of the deceased, or a journalist or broadcaster providing public service broadcasting
- **Local and national government** - staff responsible for delivering essential public services (e.g. delivering benefits)
- **Food production and delivery** - staff involved in production, processing, delivery and sale of food and other key goods (e.g. hygienic and veterinary medicines)
- **National security** - police and support staff, Ministry of Defence civilian, contractor, and armed forces personnel, fire rescue service employees (and support staff), National Crime Agency staff, border security staff, prison and probation staff
- **Transport** - staff working to keep air, water, road, and rail transport running during the crisis (both freight and passenger)
- **Financial services** - essential staff in financial services (including banks, building societies, and financial market infrastructure)
- **Communication** - staff working network operations, field engineering, call centres, IT and data infrastructure, or 999 and 111
- **Utilities** - staff in the oil, gas, electricity, and water sectors (including sewerage worker), civil nuclear and chemicals, waste disposal, postal service, or payment providers

Should you have any queries, arising from this communication, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Sear at the school via remotelarning@kingsdale.southwark.sch.uk

Kind regards,



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