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Dear Families,

We have now a little more clarity on the Government's definition for a Key Worker. We have summarised this below for your information.

If you feel you are included in this new broader list, and would like your child to attend our provision please ensure they are on site at 8.45 on Monday. Could I also ask that students bring their water bottles, a snack and a packed lunch. This does not apply if you are a key worker whose child receives Free School Meals.

We will be in contact with those who have indicated a need to access this provision later this afternoon with details of next week's provision. Whilst in school, students will be expected to follow the home learning opportunities that teachers have prepared for all students.

It is very important to note the key message from the Government in order to effectively combat Covid-19 is that **"if it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be."**

We would like to stress that closing schools is not being done in order to keep the children themselves safe – the risk to school age children is extremely low. However, children can transfer the virus to vulnerable groups. The decision to close schools is in order to reduce the spread of Covid-19 by contact between people. We all need to work together to achieve this. To that end I would like to reassure you that those children who do attend school will be in small groups and well-spaced out to support social distancing actions that are required by us all. This is a key message that we have also shared with our staff.

The definitions of key workers are as follows:

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.

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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.

Yours sincerely



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