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Dear Key Worker Parents and Carers,

In response to the Government's announcement that schools need to provide supervision for children of parents and carers who are key workers, please read the following information carefully.

The Government advice is clear. **If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.**

Also, the Government advice remains in place: **If any member of a household is exhibiting symptoms of a cough or a high temperature, then the whole household needs to isolate for 14 days.**

It is important to underline that schools, colleges and other educational establishments remain safe places for children. **But the fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society.**

## **WHAT IS A KEY WORKER?**

The Government definition of 'Key Workers' relates to workers in the following areas:

### **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.

## **WHAT DO I DO IF I AM A KEY WORKER?**

Please fill in this online form by 3pm TODAY if you intend to send your child in to school from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March as we will need to contact you. The link can also be found on our website.

<https://tinyurl.com/WashwoodKeyWorkerInfo>

We will be contacting you to discuss your needs so that we can plan our provision. We will be providing supervision between 8:30 am and 3:00 pm from Monday to Friday.

The Government put out information on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020 relating to the closure of educational settings in light of the Coronavirus Pandemic. You can read this directly by following this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

Yours sincerely



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