

Dear parents,

Further to our email yesterday, we have received the clarification from the government relating to key workers and the access to school for their children to allow the parents to continue with their job. The link to this advice is below;

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

The list of workers has been expanded, but in addition, there has also been a clarification and reinforcement of the need for this arrangement to be used only as a last resort by parents;

*"the most recent scientific advice on how to further limit the spread of COVID-19 is clear. If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading."*

*"That is why the government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend."*

*"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."*

*Schools are, therefore, being asked to continue to provide care for a limited number of children - children who are vulnerable and children whose parents are critical to the Covid-19 response and cannot be safely cared for at home."*

We are re-issuing the online form for parents to let you inform us if you need to use the arrangement (see below). If you have already responded on the previous form, there is no need to re-submit.

Please be aware that even though the key worker list has expanded, even if you fall into one of the categories, your work must be *critical* to the COVID-19 response. We have a new link to an updated online form below.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=U5hNi2fLrk-Ut9AiLRZYIMFk9wWaUVIIDotHLeBJIhUQ0tOSk5LRzhPR0M5OVM4TENJREtGWIU1Ti4u>

**The above link will active until midday. This has been extended for one hour beyond the deadline from the previous link.**

Thank you,

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