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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Coronavirus Update – Key Worker update

Following on from my last email yesterday, I am writing to let you know the **updated guidance on Key Worker identification**.

As advised by the Government, we will do all we can to stay open for the children of Key Workers, vulnerable children and children with certain needs. It has also been confirmed that children will be eligible to attend school even if just one parent or carer is identified as a critical worker. They have though stipulated that:

“Many parents working in these critical sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.”

If you cannot care for your child at home and fall into one of the categories of Key Workers below, please communicate this information by emailing the office initially at office@upperbeeding.w-sussex.sch.uk. If you are unable to send us an email, please telephone us on **01903 812288** to let us have this information and leave a message if necessary.

The information we need is:

- Key Worker Role
- Name of Child
- Class/Year Group
- Age

Key Worker identification has been split into eight categories:

Health and social care

Includes frontline health and social care staff - such as doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, as well as support and specialist staff in the health and social care sector. In addition, those working in supply chains, including producers and distributors of medicines and personal protective equipment, are included.

Education and childcare

Includes nursery, teaching staff and social workers, as the department said these workers are required to deliver their plans.

Key public services

Those required to run the justice system, religious staff, as well as those responsible for managing the deceased and journalists providing public service broadcasting are on the list.

Local and national government

The list "only includes administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the COVID-19 response or delivering essential public services", including payment of benefits.



Food and other necessary goods

Includes those involved in the production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery of food.

Public safety and national security

Police, support staff, Ministry of Defence civilian staff and armed forces personnel are on the list, along with fire and rescue staff, as well as those responsible for border security, prison and probation staff.

Transport

Includes those who will keep "air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the COVID-19 response".

Utilities, communication and financial services

Staff required to keep oil, gas, electricity, water and sewerage operations running are on the list, along with those in the civil nuclear, chemical and telecommunications sectors. Those in postal services and working to provide essential financial services provision are also included.

All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday onwards.

What we will continue doing whilst your child is at home:

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we will be continuing to help your child to learn.

Home learning materials, suggestions and resources can be found on your child's class VLE home page from Monday 23rd March.

We hope that children will access the learning materials regularly throughout the working week and complete tasks suggested over a period of time.

Children can send work to their class teacher electronically if possible.

If you need to contact your class teacher, please send them a message on the VLE or email the Office. They will respond as soon as they can.

If your child usually receives free school meals, we will also be in touch with more information about how we will continue to provide this, with support from a scheme that the Government has just announced.

Please note the guiding principles within the information:

- 1. If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be;**
- 2. If a child needs specialist support, is vulnerable or has a parent who is a critical worker, then educational provision will be available for them, unless they can be cared for at home;*
- 3. Parents should not rely for childcare upon those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category such as grandparents, friends, or family members with underlying conditions;*
- 4. Parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. **Children should observe the same social distancing principles as adults.***

If at any point your child does have either of the symptoms: a persistent cough or high fever, then they must remain at home and as a family self-isolate for 14 days, as per Public Health England advice. If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to do so via the Office.

Thank you again for your continued support in these unprecedented times. The whole school community hopes that you and your family can stay safe.



Best wishes

Becky Linford
Headteacher

