



You will have heard this morning that overnight the government announced the list of key workers who are eligible for their child/children to continue to attend childcare provision during the emergency closure.

Aim High Academy Trust will be providing emergency closure places for our most vulnerable children and those of key workers between 9.00 and 3.15. At the moment the Trust is working on providing this provision at its Dubmire site.

Official government advice states that;

- 1. If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.**
2. If a child has an EHCP, a social worker, or has a parent who is a key worker, then educational provision will be available for them should they need it.
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. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults.

The highest priority will be given to families where **both parents** are keyworkers or where a **sole parent** is a key worker.

The list of key workers falls into 8 broad categories;

- Health and Social care
- Education and childcare
- Key public services
- Local and national Government
- Food and other necessary goods
- Public safety and national security
- Transport
- Utilities, communication and financial services

A full and comprehensive list of occupations can be found at

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

If you are unsure about your occupation being eligible then please contact school for clarification.

Please ring Dubmire on 0191 500 5958 from 9am today to submit your details.

If your occupation is on the above list and you need school to provide emergency places for your children, then please can you contact the school as soon as possible so we can begin to coordinate numbers and staffing.

Proof of occupation such as warrant card, ID badge etc. will need to be seen by the school.

For some key workers this provision will be needed for 5 days a week, for others who work part time or shifts, this will be less. If you could give school some indication of what you need that would be appreciated. We understand this may change week on week.

Children who have an Education and Health Care Plans and access to Social Workers will be contacted separately about the provision we have to support them.

As we have said in so many letters to you, this is an unprecedented situation.

We thank you for your continuing support