



Re: PS/PB 20/03/2020

Dear Parent/ Carer,

We finally have the government advice regarding “key worker” and “vulnerable children” definitions. We have created an online form for you to return today **only if** you would like us to consider your child/ children for a **full time** childcare placement from Monday 23rd March. Please return this as a matter of urgency. We will endeavour to process these requests and inform you of our decision as soon as possible. This may not necessarily be by the end of the school day today. Please follow the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RMYQ92J>

The government advice states:

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.**

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 have been asked to follow these key principles:

- 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.
3. Parents should not rely for childcare upon those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category.
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 full list is below.

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.



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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 arm's 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. 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.





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If workers think they fall within the critical categories above they should confirm with their employer that, based on their business continuity arrangements, their specific role is necessary for the continuation of this essential public service.

There are a few important factors that I must make clear to you.

The school will assess your application and then decide who qualifies to be invited to take up an offer of full time (Mon-Fri.) childcare at Bransgore School. If you are able to make alternative childcare provision and can keep your child safely at home we strongly urge you to help us by doing so. Childcare provided by schools is limited and relies on the health and availability of staff.

1. Pupils who have an EHCP or who are looked after or have a social worker may be eligible for childcare at Bransgore school. **This does not include** siblings who do not meet this criteria. These children must be cared for at home. We will only be able to care for pupils with more complex needs whilst we have trained and qualified staff available to us.
2. Households where both parents are judged, by the school to be “key workers” will have priority for childcare at Bransgore school.
3. Households where one parent is judged to be a “key worker” may be eligible for childcare at Bransgore school but this will depend upon our staffing ratios and whether the school believes there is reasonable capacity for the child to be cared for at home.
4. Where parents live separately but both have responsibility for care of a child, the criteria above will be applied as if both parents live together.
5. If you are currently in self isolation you must still complete and return this request questionnaire now so that we may gauge possible future numbers of pupils to be cared for.

Please remember, if you or any family member shows symptoms of Covid-19 such as a high temperature or persistent cough then you must still follow rules for 14 day self-isolation for the whole household.

Thanks for your patience and support during this challenging and stressful time for us all.

Best wishes

Mr. Brown

Headteacher

