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Dear Parent / Carer

School Provision for the children of parents identified by The Cabinet Office as Key Workers

On Wednesday, Gavin Williamson, the Secretary of State for Education, announced that as part of the country's ongoing response to COVID-19, schools, have been asked to close on Friday 20 March 2020 to everyone except children of key workers and vulnerable children.

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. School will be open on Monday 23 March to a greatly reduced number of children.

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

Where schools are unable to provide this reduced provision, local authorities will work with the Department for Education's regional teams to ensure an alternative option is available.

A list of key worker categories has been published by the Cabinet Office today.

Further details on this announcement can be found here on the government website www.gov.uk

The Guidance Clearly Stipulates, “If workers think they fall within the critical categories 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”.

Now that the Cabinet Office have identified some job roles as key workers, a list is attached, we need you to provide school with the following **accurate** information.

Members of school staff will be using the contact details you provide below to confirm that your job has been identified as a Key Worker Role.

Please ensure that all information is printed clearly and is correct.

If school cannot substantiate your Key Worker Status, your child may not be entitled to attend St Paul’s C E Primary School. Please note that all these precautions are being taken for the safety of your child, your family, other children within school, school staff and their families.

To enable school to plan provisions and staffing from Monday 23 March 2020 onwards this form must be completed and returned to school no later than today at noon. We understand this is ‘short notice’ but as you know guidance and information is fast paced and is being updated often.

Yours sincerely



Mrs A E Jackson

KEY WORKERS - Please complete the attached form and return it to the school office.

Name of the child(ren)	Year Band	Name of the <u>Key Worker</u> Parent	Relationship to the child of the <u>Key Worker</u> Parent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mother • Father 	<p>The <u>Job Role</u> of the <u>Key Worker</u> Parent</p> <p>Name of The Company the Key Worker Parent is employed by</p> <p>The name of the person school will contact for confirmation you are a Key Worker.</p> <p>The direct telephone contact number of the above-named person.</p> <p>The direct e mail address of the above-named person.</p>
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LIST OF KEY WORKER ROLES

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

- Doctor
- Nurse
- Midwife
- Paramedic
- Social worker
- Care worker
- NHS volunteer staff
- Producer, distributor of medicine or protective equipment

EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE

- Teaching Staff
- Nursery Staff
- Specialist educational professionals

KEY PUBLIC SERVICES

- Essential members of the justice system
- Religious Staff
- Those responsible for the management of the deceased
- Journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting

LOCAL AND NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

- Workers who process benefit payments
- Government agencies
- Arm's length bodies

FOOD AND OTHER NECESSARY GOODS

- Food production workers
- Processing, distribution, sale and delivery
- Provision of other key goods, (hygienic and veterinary medicines).

- Bank worker
- Building Society worker
- Worker in the Oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage).
- Information Technology worker, including data infrastructure sector
- Staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications
- Call Centre Staff (999 and 111)
- Postal Service
- Payments Providers
- Waste Disposal Sectors

UTILITIES, COMMUNICATION AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

- 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.

TRANSPORT

- Police Officer
- Police Support Staff
- Ministry of Defence civilian
- Ministry of Defence contractor
- Armed Forces Personnel
- Fire and Rescue Service Employees
- Fire and Rescue Support Staff
- National Crime Agency Staff
- Those Maintaining Border Security
- Prison Staff
- Probation Staff

PUBLIC SAFETY AND NATIONAL SECURITY