



# MONTGOMERIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Key Worker Clarification and School Closure Arrangements

The Government this morning have now identified those classed as Key Workers (identified below). However, they have also stressed two main points:

- Parents are 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 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**.

**If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.**

The list of Key Workers can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

In broad terms, these are key staff from Health and Social Care, Education and Childcare, Key Public Services, Local and National Government, Public Safety and National Security, Transport, Utilities, Communication and Financial Services. Please check the link above to see if this applies to you.

I implore parents to continue doing everything in their power to do what they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way that can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults. **Therefore, children who meet the above criteria are still to remain at home, where possible.**

If your child meets the criteria and **will** be attending school on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March you **must confirm this with the school by 1pm Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March**. Please email [admin@montgomerieprimary.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@montgomerieprimary.essex.sch.uk) stating that your child will be in attendance, as you are a **Key Worker** or because they are a **Vulnerable child** (with a named Social Worker or an EHCP). Please also state who will be collecting your child at the end of the school day. Please title the email 'Key Worker/Vulnerable Child'.

**Only email the school if you believe that you and your partner are key workers and you have no alternative arrangements for child care. If we do not hear from you, we will assume that your child is not attending from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March.**





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If you believe you and your partner are **both key workers** and are unable to make other arrangements, you **must** provide the following information on the email:

- Your name and the names of the pupils that attend school
- Your occupation with work location and your usual shift pattern
- Your partner's occupation with work location and their usual shift pattern
- An attachment with your email **proving** that you are currently employed as a key worker (e.g. photo ID). Attachments will be deleted immediately and not kept on record. Without this proof, your child **will not be permitted** to attend school. We will abide by the Government list of Key Workers.

As you will appreciate, the school day will look very different to normal. We are working with the other ROBUS schools to cover care needs, **which may involve your child attending a different school/hub depending on adult/pupil ratios.**

Please be mindful that our staff, at this present time and in the future, will be risking their own health to maintain basic provision for those children that really need it and I would ask that parents and carers respect this please.

Thank you for your support during these unprecedented times and we will be in touch with more information as we receive it.

Kind regards,

Mrs Mason  
Headteacher

