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Dear Parent/Carers,

### **'Key Workers' Definition Update**

The government has this morning informed us of what their **definition of a Key Worker** is. Their definition is wider than the one that has often been used in the past. If you have already let us know that you are a Key Worker, then your child will be able to attend school from Monday. **In addition, if you think that you are a Key Worker based on the expanded list of occupations below, please inform us as soon as possible so that we can plan for Monday and the weeks going forward.** Families qualify for this if either one of the two parents/carers are Key Workers. In accordance with the government's request and our own wishes, a very small number of parents of particularly vulnerable pupils will be contacted today requesting that they continue to attend school as well.

School on Monday for the children referred to above, starts and ends at the normal time. Breakfast Club (BC) and Tea Time Club (TTC) run as normal. School and BC/TTC will continue throughout the Easter holidays including the two bank holidays. Parents of Key Workers can send their children to school for either some or all of the school week.

### **The list of government-defined 'Key Workers' is as follows...**

- **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.*

- **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 arms 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.*

- **Transport**

*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.*

**Once again, please contact us as soon as possible if you think that your occupation is included in the list above so that we can finalise arrangements for Monday.** Thank you very much for your excellent ongoing support at this difficult time – this has been feedback to the staff who very much appreciate it.

Best wishes,

Mr O'Brien  
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