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Dear Parents,

Provision for the children of Key Workers

Here is the latest government advice on how we continue to provide a service for our key workers. It is based on 5 principles, 4 of them relevant to us.

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 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.**

Then, with these principles in mind they go on to list the sectors that are critical at this time for our response to COVID-19.

These include:

1. **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.
2. **Education and healthcare:** 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
3. **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.
4. **Local and national government:** This only includes those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the COVID-19 response
5. **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).

6. **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.
7. **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.
8. **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.

If you think that you fall within one of those categories then you should confirm with your employer that your role is necessary for the continuation of this essential public service.

To begin with we will provide a place for your children if you fall into one of these categories and are deemed necessary for continuation of the national effort to combat COVID-19. Depending on our staffing levels as the virus spreads we may have to put some kind of priority system in place – I really hope that I do not have to do that. Please call the office to book one of these places even if you have emailed me yesterday.

I will set out in a different letter our arrangements for Monday.

God bless,

Jacqui Potts