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## RE critical workers

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January

Dear Parent and Carers,

Thank you for your support, flexibility and patience following last night's announcement. We are working today to try and implement all that is needed for this latest lock-down. Over the course of the next few days there will be more information about what will be happening next. Please continue to check the school website and eSchools, as this is our main way of communication.

If you are a **Critical worker** as defined below and you would like your child/children to come to school, **please contact the school office by 12.00pm today –Tuesday 5.1.2021**. We can only allow children who are the children of Critical Workers or are identified as vulnerable to attend school.

Critical workers and vulnerable children will be carrying out home learning, set by the class teacher, in school under the supervision of school staff. This most likely not be your child's class teacher. The numbers of pupils that we have will determine the number of groups.

Pupils will need to wear school uniform, the times of the day will be

EYFS Year1 + Year 2: 8.50 -3.00pm drop off and collection –Nursery gate

Year 3 + Year 4: 8.55 -3.05pm drop off and collection –Kitchen gate

Year 5 + Year 6: 9.00 -3.10pm drop off and collection –Kitchen gate

Arrangements for lunches will continue as normal but we need to know if your child is having a school meal and if they will be having it all week, please let us know by 12pm today. A separate letter will be sent to those pupils entitled to free school meals (please note this does not include the KS1 universal free school meals)

Yours sincerely

Mr R Chandler  
Headteacher

**If you are a critical worker please read the following guidance:**

During the period of national lockdown, only allow vulnerable children and the children of critical workers to attend. Children with at least one parent or carer who is [listed as a critical worker](#) are eligible for a school place. It is not necessary for both parents to be critical workers.

**List of Critical workers**

Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and EU transition response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined in the following sections.

**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:

- childcare
- support and teaching staff
- social workers
- specialist education professionals who must remain active during the coronavirus (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
- 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 coronavirus (COVID-19) response, and the delivery of and response to EU transition
- essential public services, such as the payment of benefits and the certification or checking of goods for import and export (including animal products, animals, plants and food), 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 coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and EU transition)
- 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 and border**

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response and EU transition, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass and those constructing or supporting the operation of critical transport and border infrastructure 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 coronavirus (COVID-19) response