

# **HOLY TRINITY**

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Dear parents and carers

### Coronavirus - Key Workers

The government has asked parents to keep their children at home, to limit the chance of COVID-19 spreading.

It has asked schools to remain open for:

- children who are vulnerable
- children whose parents are critical to the Covid-19 response and who absolutely need to attend because alternative care cannot be found for them.

#### Vulnerable children

Children who are supported by social care, those with safeguarding and welfare needs, including child in need plans, on child protection plans, 'looked after' children, young carers, disabled children and those with education, health and care (EHC) plans.

# Parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 (Key workers)

- If you believe all adults with responsibility for your child fall into the category of key workers identified by the government, please complete the google form on this link <a href="https://forms.gle/ndLq5vTrxKESbhqo9">https://forms.gle/ndLq5vTrxKESbhqo9</a>
- If you have more than one child at the school, complete a separate form for each child.
- Return the form by 5.00pm on Friday 20 March 2020
- If we have not received a response confirming your child's attendance we will assume your child is remaining at home, in line with Government instructions

Please find below, the categories of Key Workers identified by the government. Many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be kept at home.

If workers think they fall within the critical categories above 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 and please complete the Key Worker Response Form below.

Thank you again, in anticipation of your support

Yours faithfully

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#### 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 distributers 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.