



Pilgrims' Way Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Further to my letter sent yesterday, the DfE have now released their list of key workers. In order for us to effectively plan for next week, please could all eligible families complete the short survey below so that we know how many pupils to expect in school each day. Please note that your child is only eligible to be cared for at school from Monday if you are:

- a critical worker
- be in possession of a current EHCP (Education Health Care Plan) for your child
- be looking after a child who is in local authority care
- is being supported by a named social worker due to child protection procedures.

Even if you are a critical worker, wherever possible your child should not be in school so as to limit the spread of the virus. The DfE guidance is very clear about this.

If you are a critical worker and you need to send your child to school because there is nobody else able to care for them, then please be assured that we are here for you. We would advise that due to the nature of the current crisis, please only send your child to school on the days that you need to work. If there is another relative within the family home able to look after your child, then the child should stay at home with them. Any adult providing child care should not be part of a group vulnerable to Coronavirus complications, e.g. not over the age of 70 or having underlying health concerns of their own.

We will also continue to provide a basic breakfast and afterschool club service for the children of critical workers only.

Please be advised that provision for your child is likely to be provided by a range of school staff and not necessarily your child's own class teacher. As things develop, it is possible that education may be provided at another local school within our locality. We will inform you as soon as possible with regards to any additional information.

Eligible Critical Worker Roles are listed below: More detailed guidance from the DfE about these roles can be read by [clicking here](#):

- Health and social care
- Education and childcare
- Key public services
- Local and national government
- Food and other necessary goods
- Public safety and national security
- Transport
- Utilities, communication and financial services

[Please CLICK HERE to complete our short survey.](#)

If parents and carers think that they fall within the critical categories listed, 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. If this is not the case, then children should not be sent to school.

Many thanks for your support,

Headteacher