

Dear Parents / Carers

It is clear that there is some confusion over the purpose of school being open to the children of Key Workers during this period of closure. **YOU SHOULD ONLY SEND YOUR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL IF YOU HAVE TO; keeping them at home is the best way to promote social distancing and to keep them and all others safe.**

Please can I clarify who can come into school during this period of closure. There has been a 'Key Worker' list published already, and was in my email on Friday. If your line of work does not feature on the list, your children cannot come to school, unless you have been contacted personally by one of us inviting them in. The government wants to do all it can to distance the population from each other. However, it also wants the key functions of our society to keep functioning. Only if you are a Key Worker and your going to work would be prevented by having your children at home, should you consider sending them to school. In summary -

1. If you are on the list, and your children being at home would prevent you from going to work, they can come in.
2. If you are on the list, but your children are able to stay at home themselves whilst you are at work, they should not come in.
3. If you are on the list, but not at work during school hours, they should not come in.
4. This is not a free babysitting service if it is not actually needed, in that having your child at home would not stop you going to work.

If you are unsure whether you should leave your child at home due to their age, can I say that there is no problem at all with high school aged pupils being at home during the day, on their own. However, if there are reasons you feel it is unsuitable for your child to do this, please send them in. Please contact us if you would like to discuss this.

Yours sincerely,

Tim Gibbs