



# BEECH HILL SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope that you are all keeping well. As we approach the closure (to most pupils) of our school tomorrow, I wanted to provide the following updates.

In the early hours of this morning the Government released further guidance in regards to the definition of a 'key worker' which will mean that certain children can be offered educational provision from next week if children cannot be safely kept at home.

**Irrespective of whether family members fall under the defined category of a key worker the government are asking parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and have asked schools to remain open for only those children who absolutely need to attend.**

If your work is critical to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors listed below, and you cannot keep your child safe at home then your children will be prioritised for education provision (please note this will not be the same as normal class provision):

## **Health and social care**

This includes but is not limited to doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other front line 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 child care**

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 front line 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.

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## 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.

If you believe that your child is eligible, and require your child to attend school next week we ask that you contact school **immediately** so that the necessary paperwork and authorisation can take place. **If key workers are already working from home or self-isolating please do not bring children in until it is safe or necessary to do so.**

Thank you for your understanding and patience and we will try to work through all requests as quickly as we can. In the meantime, please take care and I wish you a happy and healthy few weeks. If you have any questions, feel free to contact school or myself on [head@beechhillschool.co.uk](mailto:head@beechhillschool.co.uk) and I will do my very best to answer your queries.

Yours sincerely,

Shameem Hussain