



Edgewood Primary School

Building skills and values for life

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Dear parents/carers,

The confirmed list of key workers was finally released overnight and I have attached a copy of the list, taken directly from the government guidelines, to the bottom of this letter. **The guidelines state that, 'Many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home and every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.'** This would include any days off or where another adult in the house who isn't a key worker could provide care. However, we realise that for some parents this will not be possible. If you believe that your job fits into one of the categories outlined below and you haven't already done so, **please inform school by 4pm today** at the latest so that we can ensure the care we provide is appropriately staffed from Monday. You can do this by calling the school office on 0115 9561337 or by sending an email to office@edgewood.notts.sch.uk stating your role, the names of any children you would require care for and any specific dates or times this would likely be for. We will confirm places for children of key workers, via text message, by 6pm tonight.

We would ask that any key workers can prove that they qualify to continue sending their children to school by bringing in or emailing anything that clearly identifies you to that role e.g. your ID badge or any documentation.

Due to the much smaller numbers of children we are expecting to need to provide care for, we will be using a reduced number of staff to cover each day in order to ensure that we aren't unnecessarily bringing larger numbers of people into contact with each other. If we ever get to a situation where, due to illness / self-isolation, we are no longer able to keep the school open, we will give you as much notice as possible and look to work with other schools to ensure that an alternative can be provided for you.

The school are able to identify any children who are classed by the government as vulnerable and the families of those children will be contacted directly.

With so many of our children having to remain at home for the foreseeable future, it is important to remind you of the responsibility we all have to ensure that everybody (including children) is following the government's guidelines on social distancing and self-isolation.

We will be sending out more specific guidance on the provision we can offer as soon as we are in a position to do so. In the meantime, I would like to thank you for your patience and understanding at what is proving to be an extremely challenging time.

Yours faithfully,

M. Curtis

Matt Curtis
Deputy Headteacher



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Key Workers

Health and social care

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 **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**