



Horsell CofE Junior School



Dear Parents and Carers

URGENT CLARIFICATION REGARDING KEY WORKERS

Further to my email yesterday, the government has now sent further clarification with regards to the education provision for key workers. I quote below:

'..the most recent scientific advice on how to further limit the spread of COVID-19 is clear. If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.

That is why the government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend.

It is important to underline that schools, colleges and other educational establishments remain safe places for children. But the fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society.

Schools are, therefore, being asked to continue to provide care for a limited number of children - children who are vulnerable and children whose **parents are critical to the Covid-19 response and cannot be safely cared for at home.**'

I am therefore asking all parents to complete the attached form indicating the professions of **both parents.** If one parent is a non- key worker they should care for their child at home. We will require evidence of your employment status when you drop off your child.

Where you are the sole carer for your child, please indicate this on the form and I will contact you.

The government has **also broadened their definition of key worker, which I will list for you below.**

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 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.

This is a very difficult time for us as a school. I met with all teachers and teaching assistants yesterday and all were absolutely committed to providing a childcare service for your children. I have been really humbled by the fantastic community response from our staff. I do, however, have to consider their health. Teachers and teaching assistants also have health conditions and if the school becomes too full, we run the risk of spreading the pandemic and working against what the government is trying to achieve. At a time when the country is being asked to employ social distancing, we are asking our school staff not to do this. **To limit the spread of the virus and to conform to the government's plans for social distancing, we should, therefore, have a very limited number of children in school in order to conform to the government's guidelines.**

I would ask all parents who require childcare to complete the attached form. If you have already completed it, please resend indicating the professions of both parents.

With kind regards and warmest wishes to you and your families,



Mrs Wand

Headteacher

Survey for Key Workers

Please could you complete this form and return to the office or email your response to . **Responses must be returned by 10am on Friday, 20th March so that we can plan ahead. Please complete for all parents in the household.**

Parent's Name	Employer's Name	Role

Please can you tell us the names and year group of your children who will need access to the school after Friday.

Name	Year Group

Which days of the week will you need to use the school?

Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	

EHCP children

Please indicate below if your child has an EHCP and you wish them to attend school. Please indicate the days that they will be coming on the table above.

Please note that school hours will be 8.30am to 3.10pm

The Horsell Village After School Club will be contacting you separately.