



20th March 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

The information below has been sent on the parent app; if you have submitted your return by the app, there is no need to submit a further response by email.

The Government announced on Wednesday that schools in England would close for most students **from Friday** afternoon, and that schools will remain closed **until further notice**. However, children of **key workers** are still able to attend school, although 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. Therefore, every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.

The Government has defined key workers as:

- Doctors
 - Paramedics
 - Nursery staff
 - Justice system
 - Journalists
 - Border agency staff
 - National Crime agency staff
 - Waste disposal provision
 - People working in the health and social care supply chain
 - Those responsible for management of the deceased
 - Those involved in food production, processing, sale and delivery
 - Police, support staff, Ministry of Defence civilians, armed forces personnel
 - Staff involved in essential financial service provision
 - The oil, gas, water and electricity sectors
 - Civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications sector
 - Local and national government (only those responsible for the effective delivery of the CoVid-19 response) or delivering essential public services such as the payment of benefits
 - Transport (those who keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the response including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass)
- Nurses
 - Social workers
 - Teaching staff
 - Religious staff
 - Fire and rescue
 - Prison and probation staff
 - I.T./data infrastructure sector
 - Other front line social care staff including volunteers
- Midwives
 - Care workers
 - Social workers
 - Charities
 - Postal services
 - Other national security
 - Payment providers

Source: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

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In order to facilitate this support, we need **key worker** parents/carers to complete the form below to assist us in putting the necessary plans in place.

Please note that proof of occupation will be required.

Please answer all questions and return by email to admin@manchesterhealthacademy.org.uk as soon as possible.

Child 1	Name:	Year Group:	
Child 2	Name:	Year Group:	
Child 3	Name:	Year Group:	
Parent/Carer	Name:	Are you a key worker as defined by the Government?	YES / NO
	Name of organisation:		
	Role in organisation:		

Please remember to follow these key principles:

1. If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.
2. If a child needs specialist support, is vulnerable or has a parent who is a critical worker, then educational provision will be available for them.
3. Parents should not rely for childcare upon those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category such as grandparents, friends, or family members with underlying conditions.
4. Parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults.
5. Residential special schools, boarding schools and special settings continue to care for children wherever possible.

For those who have not yet activated their parent app, please do so as soon as possible to avoid missing out on future important communication. Please contact the school office if you require assistance with this.

If you have not been able to reply via the parent app, please complete the key worker questions above and return by email to admin@manchesterhealthacademy.org.uk

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



Mr K Green
Principal

