

20 March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

UPDATED GUIDANCE FOR KEYWORKER PARENTS/CARERS

The government has now published their formal guidance and a list of principles for those students who can continue to attend a programme of education at school from Monday 23 March 2020. I trust you understand that we are trying to get information out to you as quickly as possible.

The government message remains clear - the aim is to keep the number of students coming into schools to a minimum. School remains a safe place for a small number of students to enable key workers to continue to carry out their roles and reduce the spread of the virus.

GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE – KEY POINTS

- The government is asking “parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend.”

Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.

KEY WORKERS LIST

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.

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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 arm's 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.

ACTIONS FOR KEYWORKER PARENTS

If you think you fall within the critical categories above, the guidance states you should confirm with your employer that, based on their business continuity arrangements, your specific role is necessary for the continuation of their essential public service.

If you fall into these categories **and you believe your child can't be safe at home alone and another parent/carer is unable to care safely for your child** please contact Kingsmead School by email to keyworkers@kingsmead-school.com or alternatively by phone on 01984 623483.

Giving the following information:

- a) Your role and place of work and confirmation that your employer has stated that you are a key worker
- b) The day(s) you will need to access school provision
- c) Confirm that there is no alternative childcare arrangement

Students attending the keyworker programme of education will be expected to arrive to site by 8.45 am and should report to reception in full school uniform and with their PE kit. School lunch will be available from the canteen.

KEYWORKER PARENTS WHO HAVE ALREADY CONTACTED KINGSMEAD SCHOOL

If you have already contacted the school please check you have informed us of both b) and c) above.

TRANSPORT TO KINGSMEAD FOR KEYWORKER STUDENTS & IDENTIFIED STUDENT GROUPS

The local authority is currently planning transport arrangements for Monday and hope all services will operate as normal.

ALL OTHER PARENTS

If we have not confirmed with you that your child can access this provision, your child must stay at home, for the sake of our community and to restrict the spread of this virus.

Once again, a huge thank you for your support and understanding.

Yours faithfully

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