

Re: Latest Government Guidance on Key Workers

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Dear Parents and Carers

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In the early hours of this morning, the Government produced an up to date definitive list as to who is to be considered a 'key worker'. This I know has already caused some confusion as well as some consternation amongst some parents and carers and after speaking with as well as engaging in email dialogue with a fair number of you already. However, in addition to the advice and guidance passed on to those with whom I have already conversed with, please access the link below to view this list in full and in essence, what are eight categorised areas from the working world:

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

However, there are some other very important points to note within the guidance two of which I feel it imperative to extract from the guidance and specifically refer to in this letter:

1. If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be - This is making direct reference to the increased emphasis on 'social distancing' so please do continue to note this clear input from the Government. However, and as I have stated previously through various correspondences, we will keep our Mill Road Campus open (from 8:30am-3:10pm) for as long as we possibly can during the closure so as to continue supporting those of you who have been identified as a key worker and who are not able to secure alternative childcare arrangements.
2. 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 - As a fellow parent of two teenagers, this I know will be a challenging task in the days, weeks and perhaps even months ahead, however, and again, the Government's increasing emphasis in relation to this is really important to note and act on as best as we all possibly can.

I genuinely hope this further correspondence proves to be of assistance to you, especially those parents and carers who were confused by this morning's communication. For those of you who email or tweet through with further questions, I will endeavor to get to them as quickly as I possibly can, however, please note that this may not be at the same speed as normal at the present time. Therefore, please bear with me and I thank you in advance of your patience.

Finally, a further letter will be with you once I have secured as well as broken down the anticipated Governmental input on what will be happening with this year's GCSEs and AS and A levels. This input is expected today after which I would endeavor to have a letter to you as soon as I could.

Yours sincerely

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