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# Folksworth C of E (VC) Primary School

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

This morning the Government has published their guidance around school's providing care of key workers' children. Some of this has changed from the advice we were given through the course of the day yesterday. We are now working hard to deal with the changes that this sets out. Firstly the list of key workers has widened (see list below). We also now have clarification that schools are required to provide childcare if at least one parent is a key worker.

The full guidance can be found at:

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

Please could we draw your attention to the following messages:

- ***'If children can stay safely at home, they should to limit the chance of the virus spreading.'***
- ***'schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend.'***

**A Key worker is now defined as:**

## **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.

**To assist us in our planning please could I ask you to email me directly [head@folksworth.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:head@folksworth.cambs.sch.uk) or telephone the school if you fit the updated criteria and wish to access childcare provision as soon as possible.**

Please be assured that we will have this ready for Monday and please accept my apologies for the confusion this has caused. I'm sure you can appreciate that I have to work within the guidance that I have at the time.

Yours sincerely,

Michelle Norbury  
Headteacher