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## UPDATE SCHOOL CLOSURE - ADVICE AND INFORMATION TO PARENTS

Good Morning

Plans and arrangements are still being formulated and put together - we are appreciative of your understanding and patience.

### **School will be closing later today.**

The school building will be open next week in the first instance for Senior Leaders and other key colleagues. This gives the opportunity for us to assess parental and student need and put appropriate plans in place.

Liverpool schools are working collaboratively to support vulnerable students and children of key workers. Clearly this will be focused on children in the Early Years setting and Primary schools. Education leaders are working to pool staff resources across the city and set up hubs.

However, all Schools have been asked to accommodate the needs of parents who are **Key Workers** and are not able to source child care arrangements for their child if required. We now have a definitive list from the government on what constitutes "**Key Workers**". Please see list below my email.

Please can I ask parents who are **key workers** to review the list below and inform us **if your child will need to access educational provision** whilst you work over the next few weeks. This provision may be at The Blue Coat school in the first instance or may be another educational setting.

We will need you to email the following information to: [office@bluecoatschool.org.uk](mailto:office@bluecoatschool.org.uk) by 1.00pm today

- Name and form group of your child
- Your role as a key worker
- Any other relevant information

We will then collate this information and update those who email in later on today. The school will be in contact with parents of other students we think may need such support too later today.

With ongoing thanks and appreciation for your support and understanding.

**Scilla Yates**

**Headteacher**

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Attachment:

## **KEY WORKER DEFINITIONS FROM GOVERNMENT**

If your work is critical to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors listed below, and you cannot keep your child safe at home then your children will be prioritised for education provision:

### **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 armslength 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.

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

If your school is closed then please contact your local authority, who will seek to redirect you to a local school in your area that your child, or children, can attend.

We are grateful for the work of teachers and workers in educational settings for continuing to provide for the children of the other critical workers of our country. It is an essential part of our national effort to combat this disease.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>