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Dear Parents/Carers

Updated Guidance

Following on from yesterday's communication with parents, the Government have now updated who will be classified as Key Workers. Please see below:

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.



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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.

Please be aware that updated information states that children with at least one parent or carer who are identified as critical workers by the government can send children to school if required.

Obviously this updated guidance has an impact on more eligible families being able to assess the childcare provision. Can I urge parents that if you have alternative childcare arrangements please use that first as we may not be in a position to accommodate all requests due to small staff numbers. If this is the case you can contact the Local Authority for child provision. Please be aware as per government guidelines this will be a very different provision to a normal school day, and formal educational lessons will not take place.

We are working hard to ensure that we can offer this provision from Monday 23rd March however, at this moment in time it is not guaranteed. We will keep parents informed throughout the next few days.

In order for us to be able to plan parents will be invited to sign up weekly indicating which days they would need the provision. For next week please can parents complete the eligibility form attached and email back to info@forestfederation.co.uk

We need to inform you that this provision will be run from Gayton Primary School, parents will be expected to drop off and collect children from this site. The site will be open from 9 am to 3.30 pm Monday to Friday. Children will need to bring packed lunch as no dinners will be provided.