5th January 2021

**URGENT - Information for Parents and Carers of Critical Worker Children – January 2021**

**Previous applications can not be considered and a new application must be completed for all children with up to date information**

**Please note that the following information is required by Chapelford Village Primary School by noon on Thursday 7th January 2021 at 11am to enable us to prepare for week beginning Monday 11th January 2021.**

**We want you, as critical workers, to feel reassured that we are endeavouring to provide your children with the upmost safety at this time in a caring and nurturing environment where their safety is paramount to us. The children of critical workers will be supervised by a member of support staff to complete the remote learning that your child’s class teacher will be delivering via Seesaw.**

**To support this please complete this information as a priority and email to school as soon as possible– sadly we are unable to accept pupils into school on Monday 11th January 2021 without this information in school.**

**Please support us in keeping our school community safe at this time.**

As advised by the Government, we will do all we can to stay open for the sons and daughters of Critical Workers and pupils with certain needs.  The latest guidance can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus/education-and-childcare>

Please use the form and definitions below to inform us that your son or daughter will be attending school next week.  You should forward this email to [chapelford\_admin@omegamat.co.uk](mailto:chapelford_admin@omegamat.co.uk) .  (\*Please add **CRITICAL WORKER** to the header of your email)

Key principles to note **directly** from the guidance:

1. **If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.**
2. Many parents working in these critical sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. **Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.**
3. This is an offer to parents and carers and there is no requirement for parents and carers to send their children to school if they do not need or wish to do so.
4. **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.**
5. If workers think they fall within the critical categories 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 in relation to Covid 19. (Please note school cannot advise on this)**

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| Childs Details (if you need further rows, please add them) | | |
| Child 1 | Pupil Name: | Class Teacher:  Year Group: |
| Child 2 | Pupil Name: | Class Teacher:  Year Group: |
| Child 3 | Pupil Name: | Class Teacher:  Year Group: |
| Child 4 | Pupil Name: | Class Teacher:  Year Group: |

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| **Critical Worker Definition – please complete where appropriate:** | **Parent Name** | **Role** | **Work Address** | **Up to date emergency contact details** |
| **Critical workers:**  Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and EU transition response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined in the following sections |  |  |  |  |
| **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:   * childcare * support and teaching staff * social workers * specialist education professionals who must remain active during the coronavirus (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 * 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 coronavirus (COVID-19) response, and the delivery of and response to EU transition * essential public services, such as the payment of benefits and the certification or checking of goods for import and export (including animal products, animals, plants and food), 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 coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and EU transition) * 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 and border**  This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response and EU transition, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass and those constructing or supporting the operation of critical transport and border infrastructure 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 coronavirus (COVID-19) response * 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 * waste disposal sectors |  |  |  |  |

**Arrangements for Monday 11th January 2021**

* Please being your child to their year group bubble classroom door which will be clearly marked- a member of school staff will welcome your child at the below times:

Timings

EYFS Start Time 9am – 9.10am Finish Time 3.10pm – 3.20pm

Year 1 Start Time 8.50am – 9am Finish Time 3pm – 3.10pm

Year 2 Start Time 8.40am – 8.50am Finish Time 2.50pm – 3pm

Year 3 Start Time 8.50am – 9am Finish Time 3pm – 3.10pm

Year 4 Start Time 8.30am – 8.40am Finish Time 2.40pm – 2.50pm

Year 5 Start Time 8.40am – 8.50am Finish Time 2.50pm – 3pm

Year 6 Start Time 8.30am – 8.40am Finish Time 2.40pm – 2.50pm

* *All children attending school will be supervised by a member of support staff to complete the remote learning set by the teacher. This will be the same learning completed by those children learning from home.*
* Children must be in school uniform as we are aiming to keep a sense of normality and routine at this time – we appreciate your cooperation and support with this.
* Your child will need to bring their bookbag, reading record, water bottle and coat.
* If your child is in EYFS, Year 1 or Year 2 – your child will be provided with a school lunch however if you wish for your child to bring their own packed lunch they can do but please be aware we do not have the facility to refrigerate the packed lunch.
* In Years 3,4,5 and 6 – if you child has opted in or receive a free school meal this will be provided by the school. All other children should bring a packed lunch. Please note that the menu may vary from that previously published and that this may be a reduced choice.
* We must register your child in and out of the premises by somebody who either has parental responsibility or has been nominated by yourselves such as wrap around care or another adult, as long as they are fit and well and not showing symptoms of coronavirus.
* To reduce numbers on the school grounds please can only one parent/carer collect per family.
* If you become unwell with coronavirus symptoms, you must immediately contact school and arrange for collection of your child.
* School must be informed if you no longer fall within the critical worker category or you have been asked to self-isolate. Please do this via email on [chapelford\_admin@omegamat.co.uk](mailto:chapelford_admin@omegamat.co.uk)

**If you have any questions please email** [**chapelford\_admin@omegamat.co.uk**](mailto:chapelford_admin@omegamat.co.uk) **but please try and keep the school phone lines and reception area clear at this time to enable us to deal with any emergencies. Staffing is limited at this time and we will deal with all enquiries in due course. Please understand that we are working with reduced staffing at this time and trying our best to look after you and our school community.**

Kind regards – and thank you, once again, for your support and cooperation at this time.

Mrs Joanne Hewson

Headteacher