



Key workers and Vulnerable Children

All members of the SWS family,

This is our fourth direct communication to you in relation to UK government information and the COVID-19 outbreak.

The government has stated the fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society. We are being asked to continue to provide care for a limited number of children.

The UK government last night released its list of **keyworkers** who may wish to send their children to school over the coming days and months. The list can be accessed here:

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

The principles that underpin this guidance clearly state:

1. If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.
2. If a child needs specialist support, is vulnerable or has a parent who is a critical worker, then educational provision will be available for them.
3. Parents should not rely for childcare upon those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category such as grandparents, friends, or family members with underlying conditions.
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.

We would like to reiterate the government's advice that we request all parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible regardless of whether or not parents/carers are classed as key workers. If your circumstances allow for your child to be looked after at home, whilst keeping within the government advice, then please make the arrangements for this to happen.

From Monday, the school will continue to be open for the following groups of students;

- Children whose parents are classed as key workers – please use the link below to access the list of key worker roles.
- Those classed as what the Secretary of State described as vulnerable children. For vulnerable children, school will be making contact with you to confirm arrangements.

The school day for key worker and vulnerable children **will begin at 8.45 and finish as usual at 3.00pm**. A programme of activities will be given to the children each day. Children attending school should enter via the main reception and sign-in.



Updated Key Worker Survey Link

<https://bit.ly/2wpQgR9>

Please can I ask that you complete this shortened survey form in order to help school to make arrangements for Monday. It is interactive and will provide a result at the end which describes next steps, be that attending school on Monday or making alternative arrangements.

It is important that all parents, even those that either completed yesterday's survey or who may not be considered key workers, complete this form. We thank you for your patience in this matter.

Future Communication

We will send out daily updates on our social media platforms and website. Information about free school meals and the provision of school work to help learning continuity will appear here.

Finally, I would once again like to take this opportunity to thank you for your understanding and ongoing support in helping us to manage this unprecedented situation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J Fraser', written in a cursive style.

Jason Fraser
Principal