

# Sandbrook Primary School

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Dear parents/carers,

## Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

As you know, we have been instructed to close to almost all children from today. **You should now have made arrangements for your child/ren to be looked after safely at home.**

### The guidance from Government is:

- 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.
- 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 will be uploading work to the online learning platform that you can access via the school website. We will also be updating our website / Twitter feed with any new information so please follow us or check the website regularly.

**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 at home safely then your children will be prioritised for childcare provision. Please let us know by the end of school today if you require a place. We will confirm this with you.**

For children who are in school, meals will be as usual – free if entitled, paid or on packed lunch. For children who are entitled to a free school meal (not universal infant free school meals) our meal provider will be making packed lunches for those that require them. Further information will follow.

**Please bear in mind that this childcare provision for key workers will remain subject to the school having sufficient staff available to enable them to remain open. If staff numbers fall, we may have to close to all. Further support for provision may then be offered through the Local Authority but we do not have details of this at present.**

Thank you again for your continued support in these rapidly changing times. Look after each other and our community: be kind and helpful, shop responsibly, follow the guidance and wash those hands! We hope to see you all again soon.

Regards

C Temple  
Headteacher

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The key workers have been identified 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.