



Chase Lane Primary School and Nursery Unit

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Dear Parents and Carers,

COVID – 19 update

Earlier this week the government announced that schools will remain open for pupils that are vulnerable and those whose parents are key workers. The school have been asked by the Local Authority to collect information very quickly in order to plan effectively. Yesterday the government **updated** the list of key workers and issued the following further guidance.

Parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined below. Many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. And every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.

Please, therefore, follow these key principles:

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.*
5. *Residential special schools, boarding schools and special settings continue to care for children wherever possible.*

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:

- Have an EHC plan
- Children who have an allocated social worker
- Parents who work in Health & Social care, Education and Childcare, Key public services, local and national government, Food and other necessary goods, Public safety and national security, Transport and Utilities, Communication and financial services.



Please click on this link for the full details <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

It is essential that we know which parents work in any of the above categories. This is so that school can arrange provision for the children. In order to achieve this, please email the school office by 2:30pm notifying us of your **job role and employer**. The school email address is chaselanepri@clpwortham.org.uk

Please be reminded that we will continue to update you regularly even beyond the school closure as staff will still be working from their homes.

Once again, thank you to everyone in school, all of the families and the school governors for all of your continued support at this difficult time.

Kind regards



Mr Jeffery
Headteacher

