Should Your Child be in School During the Coronavirus Outbreak?

Is it at all possible for your child/children to be at home? Then they should be.

Your child does not have to be in school.

Ask
Name of Parent: Contact Number:
Name of Child(ren):
1. Are you a key/critical worker (refer to the list)
2. Are you a sole parent?
(this question is to help define priority)
3. If not, is your partner a key/critical worker on the list too?
4. If yes, do you rely for childcare on those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category such as:a. grandparents
b. friends, or family members with underlying conditions?

Say, If you think they fall within the critical/key worker categories on the list but it is not clearly specified or a clear role:

You need to confirm with your employer that, based on their business continuity arrangements, your/their specific role is necessary for the continuation of this essential public service.

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Health and social care

This includes but is not limited to:

- a. doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics,
- b. social workers,
- c. care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers;
- d. the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector;
- e. those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributers of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

Education and childcare

This includes:

- a. nursery and teaching staff
- b. social workers
- c. 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:

- a. the justice system,
- b. religious staff,
- c. charities and workers delivering key frontline services,
- d. those responsible for the management of the deceased,
- e. journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting.

Local and national government

This only includes those:

a. 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

- a. food production and processing,
- b. food distribution, sale and delivery
- e. as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines).

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Public safety and national security

- a. police and support staff,
- b. 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),
- c. fire and rescue service employees (including support staff),
- d. National Crime Agency staff,
- e. those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff
- f. other national security roles, including those overseas.

Transport

a. 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

- a. essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure)
- b. the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage),
- c. information technology and data infrastructure sector
- d. primary industry supplies needed to continue during the COVID-19 response,
- e. 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.