



# KING JAMES'S SCHOOL

## KNARESBOROUGH

20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

### COVID-19 Key Workers

Dear Parents/Carers,

The government released information late last night about key workers and their entitlement to send their children into school if it is necessary. My apologies for the lengthy letter but it is important for planning purposes that we get this right.

#### In brief:

- It is important to understand that **where possible pupils should not attend school**, this is the point of school closure and social distancing measures. This is a really important point, **we are here to support parents who are critical to the Covid-19 response if their children cannot be safely cared for at home**, and therefore it should only be used where strictly necessary.
- Please check the list below to **see whether you fall into that category**.
- If pupils do come into school we will not be in a position to teach lessons but they will have access to some teachers and ICT facilities so that they can access the online learning that all of the other pupils are doing. **We will need them wearing uniform** so that we can easily identify who should be on the premises and so that we can safeguard them. Normal school hours apply; 8.40am to 3.15pm.
- We will be providing a lunch service and a limited breakfast service from 8.15 a.m.
- **School transport** is running as normal next week (week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> March) but beyond that I do not know what the transport arrangements are yet.
- **Please contact us only if you need to send your children into school** by sending an email to [keyworkers@king-james.co.uk](mailto:keyworkers@king-james.co.uk) Please read the instructions below so that you **put into that email exactly what we need to know**.
- Please continue to use this key worker email address for updating us on pupil attendance or changes to your circumstances throughout this period of closure

#### Some other key information from the government:

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

#### What to put in the email to us:

- Name of pupil or siblings.
- What job you do or what category of key worker you are.
- Unless your shift patterns are subject to late change please let us know what days you will need your children to be in each week.
- Anything else that you feel we should know or any key questions that you have.

We will comply with GDPR and data protection policy and we will not retain this information beyond the period of school closure.

## **The Key workers list:**

### **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.

Yours sincerely,



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