

## **Statement relating to Critical Workers**

### **Guidance on Critical Workers**

The situation nationally is becoming increasingly serious. Social distancing and protecting the NHS and critical workers has placed teachers and schools in the front line. Few people will come into contact with others in the same way teachers and support staff will.

We need as many people as possible to avoid sending their children into school. This will protect children and staff.

To other parents please support us. We have already had incidents where our staff have been abused. Teachers and staff are worried. They don't have protective masks etc. so if you, your child, or others in your house are ill – stay at home. Isolate and follow medical advice. Do not under any circumstances send your child to school please.

So let us be clear about the SUAT line.

### **Who is a critical worker?**

People who work in the following sectors are classed as critical workers by the government:

- Health and social care (including, but is not limited to, doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers).
- Teachers, school support staff, childcare staff, social workers and other specialist educational professionals.
- Those essential to the running of the justice system.
- Religious staff.
- Charities and workers delivering key frontline service.
- Those responsible for the management of the deceased.
- Journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting.
- Essential public services and those workers on the Covid-19 response in local and national government.

- Food processing, production, distribution, sale and delivery workers.
- Police and support staff.
- Firefighters.
- Border security, National Crime Agency staff, contractors and Armed Forces personnel.
- Transport workers (including those who keep air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport operating during the coronavirus pandemic)
- 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 coronavirus response.
- 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.
- Waste disposal sectors.

This is not exhaustive but an example.

**NOTE – even those above may be able to look after their children if their shift patterns allow or their partners work from home or is not a critical worker.**

Examples of non-critical workers;

- McDonalds, Costa takeaway, Greggs, etc. – not keyworkers. The chains can make adjustments to shift patterns. Takeaways are not essential, especially when the government are asking as many people to stay at home as possible.
- Retail, not related to food.
- Builders, construction workers – not key workers unless directly working in critical areas above (building hospitals, repairing railways, etc.)