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Friday 20th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

The Government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible and has asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to. This refers to children of key workers and vulnerable children.

The Government has now released a list of key workers as follows:

Key workers

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.

Vulnerable pupils:

- Those children with a Social Worker or an Education Health and Care plan.

Following on from our previous letter, to allow us to plan our provision, please let us know **by 12 noon today (Friday 20th March)** if you belong to one of these categories and **if you need** your child to remain in school.

You can do this by emailing the school mailbox: kinginajunior@educ.somerset.gov.uk or kinginainfants@educ.somerset.gov.uk or calling the school office on: 01458 272537 or 01458 272587. Within the email please state:

- Child's name and class
- Occupation and employer's details

In addition to this information, if you are a key worker as listed above, please indicate whether you would need your child to come to school:

- **full time** or
- **part time**, dependant on your work shifts

We appreciate that you may not know when you will be required to work over the coming weeks so we will be setting up a system to enable parents to inform the school when you need your child to attend.

Once we have received parent/carer responses, we will email relevant parents to confirm arrangements for next week. This will include how you will be able to inform us when you require your child to come to school and school lunch arrangements.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Svenson
Headteacher