



PARK HIGH SCHOOL

School provision- action required

Dear Parent or Carer

The government have now issued specific advice regarding education provision for specific groups of students. **It is essential that you inform the school by 3pm today with proof of your status as a key worker if you believe your child/ren fall under one of these categories, otherwise we will not be able to admit your child/ren onto the school grounds. We shall also need a daily contact from you if your child is coming onto the school site next day.**

If you have already informed the school of this with your appropriate ID, no further action is required.

The general groups are:

- **Children with an EHCP**
- **Children with a social worker**
- **Children whose parent(s) or carer(s) are considered a critical worker.**

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.**

Critical worker status:

- **Health and social care** (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** (nursery and teaching staff, social workers and those specialist education professionals who must remain active during the COVID-19 response to deliver this approach)

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- **Key public services** (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** (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** (includes those involved in food production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods)
- **Public safety and national security** (includes police and support staff, Ministry of Defence civilians, contractor and armed forces personnel, 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** (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** (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.

If workers think they fall within the critical categories above they should confirm with their employer that, based on their business continuity arrangements, their specific role is necessary for the continuation of this essential public service.

Please complete this online form to help us plan appropriately the numbers of pupils we will need to provide for: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=usNmU-XFykKh94RntjK46I7Q_ws9MTFIsoFjTw1JIURTAzSDZWUUpBMIBIV0xYWUpKNDFYTkNZNS4u.

The information shared will be kept strictly confidential. We will require confirmation of your employment if you fall under the 'critical worker' category. This could be in the form of a workplace ID, letter from employer on headed paper or a confirmation email from your work address (i.e. @nhs.net). Any personal information shared will be destroyed once confirmation has been made. Please email Ms Tebbeham, PA to SLT with this information on stebbenham1.310@parkhighstanmore.org.uk

Please inform the school by 3pm today of this information, or we will not be able to accommodate your child in school.

Yours Sincerely



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