



Our ref: MME/HFT
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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you following the recent announcement from the Government regarding Key Workers:

“the most recent scientific advice on how to further limit the spread of COVID-19 is clear. **If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.** That is why the government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open **only** for those children who absolutely need to attend.”

A summary of occupations covered by the Key Worker criteria is below and we are open to children of these workers to support the national efforts to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Health and social care

Frontline health and social care staff such as doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, as well as support and specialist staff in the health and social care sector. In addition, it includes those working in supply chains including producers and distributors of medicines and personal protective equipment.

Education and childcare

Nursery, teaching staff and social workers.

Key public services

Those required to run the justice system, religious staff, as well as those responsible for managing the deceased, and journalists providing public service broadcasting.

Local and national government

Administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the Covid-19 response or delivering essential public services, including payment of benefits.

Food and other necessary goods

Those involved in the production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery of food.

Public safety and national security

Police, support staff, Ministry of Defence civilian staff and armed forces personnel, fire and rescue staff, and those responsible for border security, prisons and probation.

Transport

Those who will keep air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the Covid-19 response.

Utilities, communication and financial services

Staff required to keep oil, gas, electricity, water and sewerage operations running. Staff in the civil nuclear, chemical and telecommunications sectors. Those in postal services and those working to provide essential financial services.



The full information is here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision>

We urgently need to create registers for safeguarding purposes so please, If you believe you are a key worker please email contactus@pudseygrangefield.co.uk and give the following information:

1. Your name
2. Your occupation
3. Your child's name
4. Your child's form

If you meet this criteria but have been self-isolating you will not be allowed in school until the 14 day period is complete.

All other children must stay at home and work on Google Classroom.

Students attending school are not expected to wear school uniform. They will be expected to complete the remote learning tasks, as all students would, with supervision and support.

School will start at 8.30am and finish at 2.30pm Monday to Friday each week until further notice.

Once you have said you wish your child to attend we do expect them every day unless you call in advance, as usual, and report absence by emailing the Contactus email (contactus@pudseygrangefield.co.uk) before 8.00am.

Students who display signs of illness will not be allowed into school.

It is extremely important that if your child develops coronavirus symptoms you do not send your child into school.

We understand that students may be worried at this time and we will do all we can to support them over the coming days. Our Pastoral Team will still be available via email if students need support or are worried. Students struggling with worries should look at www.mindmate.org.uk and we also encourage them to go explore the online counselling tool called Kooth. This is a free, safe and anonymous teen counselling service: www.kooth.com.

Yours sincerely,

**Mr M McKelvie
Principal**