



Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

### Key Worker Update

Schools must close from today Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, but will open to support vulnerable students and those of certain key workers.

The Government guidance emphasises that **parents should keep children at home wherever possible** and that the fewer children making the journey to school and the fewer children in educational setting, the lower the risk of the virus spreading. We all need to work together to try and stem the spread of the virus. If you are able to look after your child at home, please do so. Please be aware we will do everything we can to safeguard children at this time. However, there are two categories of children for whom Barham Primary School will continue to provide care for the next 2 weeks from Monday to Friday from 9am to 12pm in the first instance. Lunch will not be provided. Children entitled to Free School Meals will be contacted individually by the school.

- 1. Children who are vulnerable:** Full details of which children are covered are set out below and these families will be contacted individually by the school.
- 2. Children whose parents are key workers and who meet ALL the following conditions (PTO):**
  - The parent must be in a critical role based on government advice - full details of these critical roles are attached; **and**
  - The parent must have had confirmation from their employer that their specific role is necessary for the continuation of essential public service; **and**
  - Their child cannot otherwise be cared for safely at home.

If you are a key worker and need your child to attend please visit the school office between 9am and 12pm. You will be asked to confirm your role, with ID, that you are required by your employer and that your child cannot be cared for safely at home.

### Learning at home

As mentioned in the letter sent out yesterday, work has been set for children across the school. Please visit the school website for more information.

This is an unsettling and disruptive time for everyone and we will work together as a school and local community to face the challenging times ahead. Thank you for your support and understanding during these exceptional circumstances. If we can do anything more to help your family, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards

Karen Giles  
Headteacher



## 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 childcare, support 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.

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

