

Critical / key worker categories as identified by the government (either parent being in one of these roles - doesn't have to be both)

If your work is critical to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors listed below, and you cannot keep your child safe at home then your children will be prioritised for education provision:

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

teaching staff,

social workers

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

workers delivering key frontline services,

those responsible for the management of the deceased,

journalists

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 arm's length bodies.

Food and other necessary goods

This includes those involved in

food production,

processing,

distribution,

sale

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
other national security roles, including those overseas.

Transport

This includes those who will keep the
air,
water,
road
rail passenger
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),
oil,
gas,
electricity
water sectors (including sewerage),
information technology and data infrastructure sector
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
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.

If your school is closed then please [contact your local authority](#), who will seek to redirect you to a local school in your area that your child, or children, can attend.

We are grateful for the work of teachers and workers in educational settings for continuing to provide for the children of the other critical workers of our country. It is an essential part of our national effort to combat this disease.