



QUEEN'S PARK HIGH SCHOOL

20th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find below a link to the guidance which has just been provided by the government for school closures from today and what this means for you as parents and carers.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

As you know, school will remain open next week for children of key workers (which only needs to be one parent now) as has now been defined by the list at the end of this message, as well as vulnerable students which includes those who have a social worker and those with education, health and care (EHC) plans. This provision is available for you if needed, but is not mandatory. If you think that you would like to take advantage of this provision and haven't yet informed us, please could you provide information by **1pm today** using the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=I3VEdeDtuE-EGMI476shsrq9V4qBYjZGuHfHyNJ2Zq1UNERPSEZTUkhTTEVCR0dIWUhgNEhVU0ZaSy4u>

Communication platforms from schools are struggling a little at the moment due to the increased demand being placed upon them. We will be sending out further information to you today to support you over the coming weeks but please keep an eye on our website too where we will ensure that all key information is posted clearly should we encounter problems. I have a feeling we are all going to be experiencing a number of issues with technology over the coming days and weeks!

Kind regards,

Miss Lyndsay Watterson
Headteacher

Key Worker List:

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.

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.

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.