



BOLHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

Yesterday, the government announced the latest information with regards to the education of key workers children during the crisis. The following advice clearly states that key workers are parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response. 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.
5. Residential special schools, boarding schools and special settings continue to care for children wherever possible.

A full list of key workers can be found at

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

As a school, we will do our very best next week to provide support for key workers families. If you believe that you are a key worker and you are unable to keep your child at home, please can you contact the school by mid- day today so that we can start to plan our provision for Monday morning. Please note that **if you have already contacted us** that you **do not need** to email again and we will respond to you individually.

Thank you for all your help with this matter.

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