

## Key workers

The government has set out which children will be eligible to continue to attend schools in England from Monday.

Only children of key workers – those considered critical to the country's response to the coronavirus pandemic – and vulnerable pupils will attend schools for the foreseeable future.

The government has also clarified that vulnerable children include those who are supported by social care, those with safeguarding and welfare needs, including child in need plans, on child protection plans, 'looked after' children, young carers, disabled children and those with education, health and care plans.

According to the guidance, those in the roles listed below will have their children prioritised for education provision if they cannot be kept at home:

### Health and social care

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 and arm's 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.**