We have received a clear and definitive list of who is classified as a key worker.  We have received a **huge number of responses** regarding your roles as Key Workers and currently we have the potential for approximately **80 children to be in school at any one time**.  We need to be honest here and say that we are greatly concerned about having such a large number of children together in what will effectively be 40% of the children in school, with an extremely small number of staff currently able to work which could shrink further.  We will be taking every possible step to keep everyone safe but it does concern us about the large numbers of children when compared to the initial government briefing of it being approximately 10% of the school population being in school

We ask you to really strongly think about whether your child should be in school and **if you can make alternative arrangements that do not put 'at risk' people in danger, then please take these steps to keep us all safe.**

The most recent scientific advice on how to further limit the spread of COVID-19 is clear. **If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.**

It is important to underline that schools, colleges and other educational establishments remain safe places for children. But**the fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society.**

School will be open to the children in the key worker and vulnerable category from 8:30 until 4pm Monday to Friday.

Over the course of the day, Mr Howard and Mrs Pennington will be calling all those classified as key workers to discuss what childcare they will require over the next 6 weeks.  Attached is the timetable.  If you receive a call from an unknown number today, please ensure you answer it.

**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 distributers 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 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 servicesand delivery, payments providers and waste disposal sectors

The clarification that has come through also identifies that only one parent needs to be a key worker to qualify for your child to be in school.

Thank you for your support.

The Clayton-le-Woods Team