



GILLIBRAND Primary School

Monday 4th January 20221

Dear Parent/Carers,

It is with a heavy heart that I say this, but after just listening to the prime minister's announcement, school will be **closed tomorrow to all children**. We will then be opening from Wednesday 6th January to children of Critical Workers and vulnerable children. The staff and I will spend the day tomorrow planning for this and being in touch with parents. Some online learning will be set for all children on Seesaw in the morning as the staff prepare for full online teaching from Wednesday and they will share more information about that tomorrow.

If you feel your child requires a place in school please email me **by 12 pm tomorrow**. In the morning I will also send out a simple form for you to complete if you require a place for your child/ren- see Critical Worker list below. Depending on numbers, priority will be given, as in the first lockdown, to children in families where both parents are Critical Workers. Alice will be in touch with parents of vulnerable children too.

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:

childcare

support and teaching staff

social workers

specialist education professionals who must remain active during the coronavirus (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

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 coronavirus (COVID-19) response, and the delivery of and response to EU transition

essential public services, such as the payment of benefits and the certification or checking of goods for import and export (including animal products, animals, plants and food), 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 Defense civilians

contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defense and national security outputs and essential to the response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and EU transition)

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 and border

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response and EU transition, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass and those constructing or supporting the operation of critical transport and border infrastructure 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 coronavirus (COVID-19) response

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

I am sorry for the lateness of this letter. We will be in touch tomorrow.

Please continue to stay safe.

Yours sincerely,



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