



Oyster Park Primary Academy

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School Closures

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support and patience while we try manage the ever-changing information regarding Covid-19 and the effect this is having on the country. As you will be aware the Government have now released further information about the next steps we need to take as a school. This includes a full lockdown like the one that took place back in March.

Therefore, Oyster Park will have to close to most children from TODAY, until further notice. We have to act in accordance with the Government directive. This will support social distancing and limit the spread of the virus to members of the community who may be more susceptible to complications from the virus.

Some children will still be able to attend the school setting, if they are either vulnerable or the children of Key Workers. The Government have said that **Key Workers** are people who work within the public sector in roles that are vital to the infrastructure of the community. The definitions of these categories 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>

If you believe you fall into the Key Worker category your child will be able to attend school tomorrow. Please arrive between 8:45am and 9:15am We will require evidence to show that you fall within this category. If your job role is not included within the list provided by the Government then your child **WILL NOT** be allocated a place. Please only access this place if you have no other childcare option.

The children who were identified as vulnerable during the last lockdown will also be able to attend school from tomorrow.

The Government also announced that Nurseries are to remain open. The guidance is not clear as to whether this includes school Nurseries and so until we receive further clarification Nursery **WILL** be open as normal from tomorrow.

We understand that it is an anxious time for everyone as we prepare for another national lockdown. We will take all necessary steps to reopen to as many children as possible when we are permitted to do so. The systems are in place to support remote/home learning and we ask that you please access this online.

Please stay safe,

Yours sincerely,

J Chapman-Kemp

Mrs Chapman-Kemp,
Headteacher

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Key Worker Information

Critical Workers

Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and EU transition response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined in the following sections.

Health and social care

This includes, but is not limited to:

- doctors,
- nurses,
- midwives,
- paramedics,
- social workers,
- care workers
- 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

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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 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 sector