

# URGENT UPDATE : Children of Keyworkers



**Coronavirus  
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**PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL UNLESS YOU ARE AN ESSENTIAL WORKER (KEY WORKER) AND DO NOT HAVE AN ALTERNATIVE OPTION.**

**Children should only be sent to school if parents are classed as 'key workers' i.e. their role is critical to the country's COVID-19 response AND there is no alternative childcare option.**

**This is not free childcare. Some schools open on an emergency basis only.**

**If there is a second parent, or other suitable non-vulnerable person in the household they should look after children unless families make alternative arrangements.**

**If families do not act on this guidance, schools that are open may be overwhelmed and children will not be safe.**

**Please be responsible and do not make a bad situation worse.**