



# GREENFYLDE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL

*including Sunny Ile and Cygnets Pre-Schools*



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Please can you look at the information below related to the small minority of children who will still be able to come to school next Monday. It is vital that you let us know today either via the classteacher or the office that your child will need a place. Please remember as well that if you child is in receipt of free school meals we also need to know if you will be collecting a meal every day next week onwards.

The list of keyworker roles has now been published by the Government who do acknowledge that many parents, whilst working in critical sectors may be able to ensure their children is kept at home safely and advice from Government is that if this is possible then it should happen; this is an offer to parents and carers and there is no requirement for parents and carers to send their children to school if they do not need or wish to do so.

As stated by the Government, '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.

Critical workers include NHS staff, police, farmers and food retail workers, who need to be able to go out to work. In order to continue to offer critical services as part of the country's ongoing response to the virus Greenfylde will be open to these children. Children with at least one parent or carer who are identified as critical workers by the government can send their children to school if required.

If your work is critical to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors listed below, and you cannot keep your child safe at home then your children will be prioritised for education provision:

## 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 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 services and delivery, payments providers and waste disposal sectors.

If workers think they fall within the critical categories above they should confirm with their employer that, based on their business continuity arrangements, their specific role is necessary for the continuation of this essential public service.

worker or EHCP) and as per Government guidance, those who cannot be safely cared for at home.

Classteachers will ask this morning if you need to an educational place on Monday.

Any questions please contact the school office after 9.30am

Thank you for your patience and understanding during what is a difficult time for all.

Yours sincerely,

Claire Oaten  
Headteacher

