

Covid 19 Keyworker Information

Dear Parent/Carers,

As per national guidance, Bloomsbury Nursery School will remain closed to all pupils and we are endeavouring to remain open for children of parents who are classed as key workers, as well as pupils who are subject to an Education and Healthcare Plan (EHCP) or children who have an allocated social worker.

In the meantime, in order to ascertain numbers, we would ask that parents/carers who are key workers (*please see list below*) indicate this by sending an email to: enquiry@bloomsbury.bham.sch.uk by midday, Monday 23rd March. Alternatively, you can telephone nursery on 0121 464 2034.

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
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
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
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.

Please note, that you may be required to provide evidence of your key worker status.

It is also worth stressing that the purpose and function of the school during this period is to be a central hub to support key workers and vulnerable children. **However the Government has advised that 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.**

We are unable to accommodate pupils whose parents are not key workers at this time, in line with the Government guidelines on social distancing.

Finally, I would like to remind parents that if anyone in the household is displaying any of the symptoms of coronavirus then the up to date advice is that all members of the family self-isolate for 14 days.

Yours sincerely

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