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Dear Parents

Parents that are 'Critical Workers'

As you will have seen in the news, the reopening of schools will be phased and therefore we need to update our records to ensure we can provide appropriate provision to those who need it the most whilst preventing the spread of COVID-19 and placing staff and students at risk.

Below is the most recent list produced by the Government of those classified as "Critical Workers".

Please can I ask you to read the list below and notify Mrs Pitman on lpitman@sexeyssomerset.sch.uk if one or more parents fall into any of the criteria below **AND NEITHER** parent is able to stay at home/work from home during a period of enforced remote learning. This applies to both Day and Boarding students. As any enforced remote learning is going to be for a very short period of time, we will be asking where parents are Critical Workers and can't work from home and therefore need onsite provision for their son or daughter that they provide a letter or email from their line manager confirming that they are unable to work from home. I apologise for the inconvenience that this may cause, but I am sure you appreciate my need to balance the number of students onsite to protect staff, students and their families and to facilitate the roll out of onsite testing to help protect all members of our school community.

Please can I assure you that I am fully committed to ensuring that as soon as I am able to return all students to site and have testing available for those who wish to have it, I will.

Thank you for your support and understanding at this time.

Kind regards



Mrs H Cullen
Headteacher

Appendix 1

1. Critical Worker List



Appendix 1 – Critical Workers List

Critical workers

Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) 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, 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

- 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 coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak)
- 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 coronavirus (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 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