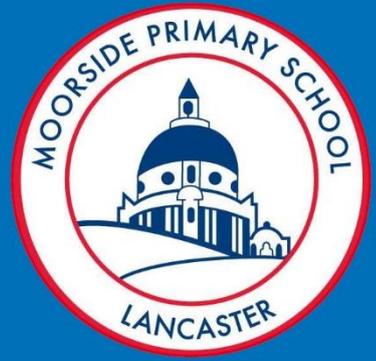


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Dear Parents and Carers

Essential Workers

Following the Government announcement yesterday that schools will close for the vast majority of pupils on Friday afternoon, we are looking at how the school will operate in the weeks ahead for the children of parents who are being described as key or essential workers. Our aim is to remain open for this limited group of children so that parents who are in key roles can continue to work and provide essential care. There are still many 'unknowns' and the provision may involve access to a number of designated schools identified by the Local Authority rather than a child's normal school. We are hoping for further clarification later today. At which point, we will send further information giving further information.

We are expecting the Government to publish a full list of essential occupations later in the day, but our current understanding is that these groups will include:

- Health care, critical care, social care
- Emergency services including police
- Supermarket delivery workers

I would also expect the children of teachers and educational support staff to be included, although this was not stated by the Prime Minister.

In addition to the children of parents in the list above, we will be open for children who have an Education or Health Care Plan or are receiving the support of other external services (e.g. have a CAF in place).

It is important at this stage for us to find out who works in these sectors. Please help us by responding if you think your job places you in one of these categories. It is unclear at this stage whether the Government intends this to mean both parents or just one employed in these categories, so at this stage we would like your response to include information about the occupation of both parents.

To allow us to collect this information efficiently and keep it separate from our other work we are using a separate email address: keyworker@moorside-pri.lancs.sch.uk. Please also tell us which class your child is in.

In order to help our planning we require this information as soon as possible and by no later than the end of today.

More information and letters to follow shortly.

Yours sincerely

Roger Shone