

# COOMB BRIGGS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

**Thank-you for all of your ongoing patience and support during what is understandably an anxious and challenging time for you and your family.**

Our schools have now been requested to become emergency childcare centres as part of the response to Coronavirus – COVID 19.

Please support our already stretched and concerned staff by **only using these facilities if you are unable to make any other arrangements**. For instance, you may be a key worker but do not need to send your child into school with other children and staff, because you are able to make other arrangements e.g. your partner is able to work from home.

I can confirm that the list of key workers was released in the early hours of this morning, along with parent advice and guidance which can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

**A list of key workers are as follows:**

## 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.



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## 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.

The Local Authority has also clarified that staff employed within our waste management services are key workers under this piece of guidance.

The government are now quite clear with their advice, if children can stay safely at home, they should do, to limit the chance of the virus spreading. Schools have been asked to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend. **All other children will need to stay at home, until further notice.** Please note that this is a national closure – as you may have heard in the news – so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. We will follow Government guidance regarding re-opening and will keep you informed by text and letter. 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.

Coomb Briggs will be open to provide childcare **only** for children who have parents classed as key workers or for children who are classed as vulnerable. Please contact the school office if you think you fall into one of the categories. We expect to have significant numbers of children not attending which will obviously impact on how we provide activities. Please be aware that we also have several members of staff off too. We will ensure that first aid cover is always available, however, we will not be able to cover 1:1 provision or intervention work as we will need to deploy our staff to cover where necessary.

Children should be dropped off at the main entrance at normal school time and collected from the main entrance at the end of the day or when you have finished work, whichever is soonest. There will be no breakfast club or after school clubs. This will allow us to ensure the school is thoroughly cleaned ready for the next day. Children will not need to wear uniform as many of the activities will be practical based. Please ensure they have some form of sports kit with them as well as a water bottle and a packed lunch unless they have free school meals. There are also no universal free school meals being provided.

Please be assured that we are working closely with the Local Authority to ensure that we can continue to provide essential child care for our vulnerable children and those of key workers safely.

We are only able to continue to operate because of your ongoing co-operation and help, and I am very proud of the way everyone is coming together and working as a team. I would also like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the staff in our school who have shown, and indeed continue to show, remarkable fortitude and commitment.

Yours faithfully,  
Mrs Helen Redmond  
Headteacher

