

# Southminster C of E Primary School

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## Key Workers and Vulnerable Pupils

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware after the Government announcement yesterday evening, Gavin Williamson, Secretary of State for Education, announced that 'schools, colleges and early years settings will be closed to everyone except children of key workers and vulnerable children from Monday, as part of the country's ongoing response to coronavirus. Examples of these workers include NHS staff, police and delivery drivers who need to be able to go to work. Vulnerable children include those who have a social worker and those with Education, Health and Care Plans. A full list of key worker categories will be published by the Cabinet Office tomorrow. Children who do not fall into these groups should remain at home with appropriate care'.

Clare Kershaw, Director of Education, has confirmed that key worker support applies where both parents are key workers. If only one parent is a key worker, it is expected that the other parent will take care of their child/ children.

We are currently exploring the need for key worker support, therefore, if you consider yourself to be applicable for this level of support and do not have any other way of ensuring your young people are safe if schools close whilst you go to work, please message the school via Teachers to Parents or email:

[admin@southminster.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@southminster.essex.sch.uk) with the following information:

**Your name:**

**Your child's/children's names:**

**Year groups:**

**Your job role:**

**Days that supervision will be needed (i.e. all 5 days, only mornings, Mon to Weds etc):**

**Do you require this during holidays?**

We will continue to follow all advice and will provide you with a full list of key worker categories as soon as it has been published.

Thank you once again for your continued support during this challenging time.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

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