



TO CARE  
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**BEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL**  
A Specialist Business and Enterprise College  
with Applied Learning  
Headteacher: Mrs H J Phillips

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

**Year 7 – Children of Key Workers**

You will no doubt have heard the term 'key worker' used by the government over the last six months, particularly in the context of gaining access to school during a partial or full closure.

In the event of school closure to some or all students, children of key workers are still entitled to attend full or part time should they need to. This applies to the student irrespective of whether one or both parents is a key worker. With this letter is a full list of all job roles and sectors that are considered 'key' roles.

We are gathering this information now in case of a future closure or partial closure of school. There are no plans for either at this present time, but should this happen, it will save time and inconvenience to yourself in gaining a place if we have this information in advance.

If you consider that you, or the child's other parent is a key worker, you should:

- Send an email to [accesstoschool@bedford.wigan.sch.uk](mailto:accesstoschool@bedford.wigan.sch.uk) with your name, your child's name and form.
- Attach some form of evidence of your key worker status. This can be a photograph of a lanyard, letter from your employer, or other ID.

**Please respond by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.**

Please note that the email address provided above is not monitored regularly and should only be used to notify school of your key worker status.

Yours faithfully,

*B Moss*

Mrs B Moss  
Deputy Headteacher, Pastoral Care and Student Wellbeing

**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