



# PRESTON MUSLIM GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

## **Provision for Key Worker Children and Vulnerable Children**

Assalamu Alaikum, I hope and pray this letter finds you in the best of health and Imaan.

In line with advice from the government, schools are being asked to provide care for a limited number of pupils. These are children who are either classed as vulnerable in some way or the children of parents who are critical to the Covid-19 response and cannot be safely cared for at home. It is important to underline that, if children can stay at home safely, then they should do so. The fewer children who are in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in the wider society.

If your work is critical to the Covid 19 response, you are the parent of a vulnerable child or you work in one of the critical sectors listed below, and you cannot keep your child safe at home, then you will be prioritised for educational provision.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Vulnerable children**

This includes children who have a social need, those who are supported by social care, disabled children and those with complex health needs, those with Educational Healthcare Plans, Looked After Children as well as those who are young carers.

**If parents think they fall within the critical categories above, and you cannot keep your child safe at home, then please contact the school immediately to confirm that you will sending your daughter to school.**

The school will be open from Monday at the normal school times for the children of those parents listed above. We will provide those pupils with an opportunity to complete the Distance Learning tasks that they have been set but the provision is intended to be one of care rather than education. We will have substantially reduced staffing and will not be teaching lessons. The intention of this care provision is to ensure that workers who are critical to the Covid-19 response can continue to go to work.

In order for the school to be able to plan for this provision we need you to respond to this letter as quickly as possible. I know that you appreciate how quickly the situation is changing and I would ask to continue to check the school website for any developments as they occur.

Thank you for your continued support.

Your sincerely

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