

LIMEHURST KEY WORKERS and VULNERABLE CHILD CRITERIA

The Government's definition of a 'key worker' and a 'vulnerable child' has now been published (midnight last night!). The list is extensive and complex. Limehurst may have to prioritise to ensure that we support all the families and workers that require this help the most. Whilst Limehurst is only open to 'key workers' and 'vulnerable' pupils' school will operate with a reduced number of teachers and support staff on site to support 'social distancing'. In addition, we now have several staff who are self-isolating for 14 days.

We must emphasise that the government guidance also states that “many parents working in these critical sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.”

Current government guidance regarding eligibility for the school care as of Monday 23rd March 2020 is that children with at least one parent or carer who are identified as key worker by the government can **potentially send their children to school if required**. There is no obligation to do so. If both parents/ carers are or a single parent is a 'key worker' this will take priority.

Please read the Government definition of a 'key worker' (online and attached). 'Jobs' have been organised into several categories including:

- Health and social care
- Education and childcare
- Key Public services
- Food/ food distribution
- Public safety and national security
- Utilities, communications and financial services

After you have read the Government definition and if you consider yourself a 'key worker' please complete the attached form to give us information about your situation and why you require school-based childcare. If you have identified yourself as a key worker, we will be asking you to give us contact details including full name and telephone number of your company/ line manager, so we can confirm that your active role is a necessity in these challenging circumstances. We may also need to get in touch with you via telephone to gain some extra clarification.

Please note, the current guidance around self-isolation regarding symptoms of coronavirus including a temperature of over 37.8°C and/or a persistent cough are still in force- 7 days if you live alone and 14 days if you share a household, for all members of the household.

Limehurst Schools' Vulnerable Child Priority List: A child who is/has...			
Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3	Priority 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ An assigned social worker ▪ An EHCP ▪ Looked after/ post looked after 			