

20 March 2020

Dear Parents,

The Government has released further guidance concerning who are classified as key workers (please see list below). If you think that you fall into one of these roles could you please email the school (info@portswoodpri.org.uk) with the following information by 10.30am today (Friday 20 March):

Child's Name and year group (eg John Smith, Year R)

Parent's key worker profession.

(please be aware that you do not need to contact us again if you have already emailed us)

As a school we will be having to operate on a reduced staff on a rotational basis, with children unlikely to be experiencing a normal learning environment with their normal class teacher. The school will be open from 8.45am – 3.30pm with no before or after school provision being available.

If you do fall into one of the key worker categories but have the ability for your child to be cared for at home we would be grateful if you did this, so that we have the capacity to provide care for those who do not.

This would also help us contribute positively to the Government's desire for social distancing to take place. As the guidance states **'If it is at all possible for children to be at home, they should be... and parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially.'**

**If your child is currently absent from school due to self isolation, they will not be able to attend school until the period of self isolation has ended.**

We have already been in contact with some of our most vulnerable families to establish whether they need their children to attend school as of Monday.

Thank you again for your continued support as we strive to provide care for the children of key worker families in our community during this challenging time.

Yours Sincerely,



Tony Head  
(Principal)

**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