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EMERGENCY INSET DAY TUESDAY 5TH JANUARY 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Government has announced tonight at 8pm, that schools will close immediately and remain so until February half term. We are therefore having to call **an Emergency Inset Day tomorrow, Tuesday 5th Jan 2021** to urgently organise work for all children, and put plans in place to support our Vulnerable children and our Critical Key Worker children.

The school will therefore be CLOSED tomorrow to all children INCLUDING those of Critical Keyworkers and Vulnerable children.

We are sorry for the short notice for this, but the late announcement makes it impossible for us to have made plans and implement them.

Online work will be available from 9am tomorrow for all children.

Please could I ask if you could let us know:

-whether you are a critical worker and whether you would be sending your child into school

If you could include the name(s) of your child(ren) and their classes that would be very helpful.

If you could let us know by email to the adminoffice@shamblehurst.co.uk by midday tomorrow we would be very grateful.

The school will be open for the children of Critical Keyworkers and for Vulnerable children from Wednesday 6th Jan 2021. Times and classes to follow.

The definition of critical worker is taken from the Gov UK document published on the 31.12.2020 and the list is provided at the end of this email.

We would require ALL critical workers to present evidence of your employment to the school, even if you have done so before; this is due to many parental employment changes that have taken place since March 2020 and updated guidance of who qualifies as a critical worker (see below). This



evidence must be proof of your CURRENT employment which could include a letter from your employer or work ID card/lanyard. Please include this on your email.

These are the most challenging of times for everybody. We are thinking of all our families.

Very best wishes,

Anna Jones

Critical workers

Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and EU transition response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined in the following sections.

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, and the delivery of and response to EU transition
- essential public services, such as the payment of benefits and the certification or checking of goods for import and export (including animal products, animals, plants and food), 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)
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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 and EU transition)
- 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 and border

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response and EU transition, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass and those constructing or supporting the operation of critical transport and border infrastructure 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

