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Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians

As you know Lord Grey Academy will be closed to students from Monday as part of the Government plan to manage the spread of the Coronavirus. The Government has given clear guidance on self-isolation, household isolation and social distancing. Their most recent scientific advice on how to further limit the spread of COVID-19 is clear. If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.

We have been asked to continue to provide care for a limited number of children.

1. Children who are vulnerable. Vulnerable children include children who are supported by social care, those with safeguarding and welfare needs, including child in need plans, on child protection plans, 'looked after' children, young carers, disabled children and those with education, health and care (EHC) plans. We have already contacted all the parents of students who fall into these categories
2. Children whose parents work is critical to the Covid-19 response and **cannot be safely cared for at home**. Critical worker sectors are outlined below. Many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.

It is important to emphasise that the expectation is that children will be cared for at home as this is where they are best protected from the Coronavirus. If it is not safe for your child to be at home for the reasons stated above then we can help.

We need to be able to plan for provision for Monday and need to know urgently how many children we might expect.

If you are in a job in the sectors listed below and have been told by your employer that your role is critical to the fight against Coronavirus and your child can not be cared for at home then please email: Registrar@lordgrey.org.uk.

Please tell us your name, your occupation, your child's name, which days of the week would you need to access the provision. This is an urgent request and we would like responses by the end of the day please. I am sorry that this is rather rushed but the final Government advice was only published this morning.

Yours sincerely

Jim Parker
Principal



Critical worker sectors

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.