

What about key workers?

Schools and childcare providers are being asked to continue to provide care for a limited number of children, including those whose parents are critical to the Covid-19 response and cannot be safely cared for at home.

The Government has published a [list of categories of workers](#) whose children will be prioritised. It includes “religious staff” – such as parish clergy and chaplains whose work is critical to the Covid-19 response.

All parents are being asked to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and schools are remaining open only for those children who **absolutely need to attend**. Clergy who wish to confirm that their role is necessary to the continuation of an essential public service must contact their bishop for approval.

From [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) guidance for churches, FAQs](#), dated Friday 20 March at 13:20. Check the official page for any subsequent changes.