

Guidance for key workers regarding school attendance during temporary pause in education

Following the decision to temporarily pause education with effect from Monday 23 March 2020, children of key workers will be able to attend their usual schools, colleges and Early Years Providers (pre-schools, nurseries and child-minders) for the next four weeks until the end of the planned Easter holiday period.

For children to continue to attend school during this period both parents (whether they are living together or apart) **MUST** be key workers.

For children where one parent is a nurse, doctor, other key health or care worker or teacher and the other parent doesn't fall into a key worker category, their child(ren) will be able to attend school.

The definition of key worker is detailed below. Please note this will be subject to regular review and will be updated accordingly:

For the purposes of this decision by the Director of Public Health, key workers are defined as:

Private sector

- Workers **ESSENTIAL** to the functioning of any activity necessary to:

- Ensure the continuing supply and accessibility of food and other essential goods including
 - Supermarkets and grocery stores
 - Air and sea freight transport
 - Stevedores and other necessary port management activities
 - Freight operators
- Ensuring continuing health and community care services including
 - GP surgeries/medical practices
 - Pharmacies
 - Residential and nursing homes
 - Private and third sector agencies providing care services in a home or other setting (including the care of animals)
- Those essential to law and order
 - Judiciary Services
 - Advocates
- Those providing private school services and daytime childcare

- Private primary and secondary schools
- Nurseries and day-care services
- Maintain critical national infrastructure (essential staff)
 - Utilities (water, electricity, gas, oil, post)
 - Telecoms providers (essential staff required to deliver mobile and fixed line telecommunication services)
- Maintain public transport
 - Bus operators and school transport providers
- Public service broadcasters and other mainstream news media

Private sector employers falling within the above categories should determine which roles are essential to the ability to maintain critical services.

Public service

- Workers **ESSENTIAL** to the functioning of:

- Health and Social Care
- Education
- Emergency Services (Law Enforcement, Ambulance, Fire and Coastguard)
- Prison
- Law Officers
- States Works
- Guernsey Waste
- Ports
- Regulatory roles directly related to financial stability and banking supervision
- Treasury
- Social Security
- Key staff from services as defined by the States Chief Executive

School/College leaders will also invite students to attend if they have specific circumstances of need that the school/college is aware of (for example, looked-after children).

If you have any other questions that are not covered by this document please call 01481 733017 or email educationsportandculture@gov.gg