

Key Workers – School Closures

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The Government have issued guidance in relation to those workers they believe are essential to the Covid-19 response. There is not an exhaustive list but guidance in relation to sectors includes those involved in food production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery and this has been widely interpreted by the farming industry to include agricultural workers.

What this means?

If you have children of school age, they are eligible to attend school following the closures on Friday 20 March 2020.

What are the next steps?

If your child's school is closing please contact your local authority (<https://www.gov.uk/find-local-council>) who will advise you of a school in your area that your children may attend.

Which other related sectors are covered?

The British Veterinary Association (BVA) believe that large animal vets will qualify as key workers but are awaiting confirmation.

Lorry drivers also fall into the key worker category so deliveries and collections will continue where possible.

Reports are already being received that some rural authorities in Wales are not including agricultural workers in the key worker category so availability may vary according to region.

The Government's full guidance is available here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

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