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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Carrant Brook Junior School Closure COVID19 from 5 January 2021**

As you will now be aware, as from today all schools are closed for educational purposes. The Prime Minister has indicated that all schools should move to remote learning until February half term.

It is clear that the government is trying to limit the spread of this new more transmittable Coronavirus variant by minimising the amount of contact between children, teachers and their families, whilst also supporting critical workers in providing emergency services and the food distribution industry.

**The guidance makes clear the following important points:**

- The government has asked parents to **keep their children at home, wherever possible**, in order to limit the chance of the virus spreading. Schools have been asked to remain open **only** for those children who **absolutely need to attend**.
- Fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society.
- **If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.**

### **Key Groups who can attend school**

Two key groups will be able to access emergency child care provision **from tomorrow**. Only if **a Parent/Carer is a key worker** (see definition below) and those children who have Education Health Care Plans (EHCPs) or who are being supported by a social worker will be eligible for this.

This emergency child care will be operated by our Teaching Assistants from 8:30am – 3.00pm Monday to Friday.

Those children who are eligible will need the following:

- Their own water bottle – clearly named
- Healthy morning snack
- Packed Lunch (see below)
- School Uniform

We are still in the process of clarifying what the school kitchen will be able to provide so suggest, that unless your child is entitled to Free School Meals, they **MUST** be sent in with a packed lunch daily.

In order to keep children safe, please inform us via the School Office if your child is not able to attend a booked session.

**Please do not ask the school to make exceptions – if you do not fit the categories described below, your child/children cannot attend school.**

Many parents working in these critical sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. **Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.** Our offer to parents and carers means there is **no requirement** for





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parents and carers to send their children to school if they do not need or wish to do so. **If you are not on shift/rota you should keep your child at home and access Remote Learning.**

For vulnerable children, your child's social worker will work with you to assess the best option for your child. Please find below a detailed breakdown of a 'Critical Worker':

### **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

Thank you for your understanding and your continued support.

Kind regards

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## **Carrant Brook Junior School COVID-19 – Educational Provision Assessment**

### **Key messages from DfE guidance:**

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

- *If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.*
- *..... the government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend.*
- *... fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society.*
- *If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.*

Family Name:	Child 1:	Yr Group:
	Child 2:	Yr Group:
	Child 3:	Yr Group:

**Child protection and welfare needs:** Yes / No

CIN plan ☐  
EHCP\* ☐

CP plan ☐

LAC ☐

Young Carers ☐



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**Parents/Carers who have a critical role to play in the Covid-19 response  
(Please tick the box that applies to you):**

**Parent/Carer 1:**

**Health and social care** ☐

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**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*



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## Employer Confirmation (Parent 1)

The guidance states that if workers think they fall within the critical categories above they should confirm with their employer that, based on their business continuity arrangements, their specific role is necessary for the continuation of this essential public service.

**Work pattern:**    full time ☐    part time ☐    subject to change ☐

Days of work	Start and finish times

Name of Employer:

Employer confirmation:

(Signature from line manager required)

Date:



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## **Parent/Carer 2:**

### **Health and social care** □

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### **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** □

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### **Local and national government** □

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### **Food and other necessary goods** □

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### **Public safety and national security** □

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### **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** □

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## Employer Confirmation (Parent 2)

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**Work pattern:** full time ☐ part time ☐ subject to change ☐

Days of work	Start and finish times

Name of Employer:

Employer confirmation:

(Signature from line manager required)

Date:





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