**Key workers and childcare provision**

The Government has provided guidance on who is considered to be a key worker. If your work is critical to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) response, or you work in one of the critical sectors identified by the government, and you cannot keep your child at home whilst you work then your children will be prioritised for childcare provision.

Key workers defined by Government guidance:

**Health and social care**

**Education and childcare**

**Key public services**

**Local and national government**

**Food and other necessary goods**

**Public safety and national security**

**Transport**

**Utilities, communication and financial services**

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

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.

**Childcare arrangements**

The Government advice is that childcare providers, including nurseries, childminders and schools should remain open to vulnerable children and the children of key workers. Childcare providers are being asked to be as flexible as they can to ensure that key workers have access to the childcare they need in order to do their essential work.