

School will now be **closed to the majority of pupils in a bid to stop the virus spreading more quickly**. 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**.

School will stay open for the children of **critical workers** (where both parents work in these roles) and **vulnerable children**. Vulnerable children include those who have a social worker and those with education, health and care (EHC) plans.

Families on a low-income, whose children are eligible for free school meals, please contact school on Monday if you would like to be on the list for ordering a pick-a picnic lunch bag to take away. Parents must register if they would like a lunch and come to school at 12.00.pm each day to pick this up. Parents who turn up without registering **will not** be able to take a lunch bag away. Families can also access food from the Food Bank at Hope Church, Grove Road Rotherham.

#### **Critical Workers include parents who work for:**

##### **Health and social care**

Frontline health and social care staff such as doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, and specialist staff in health and social care.

##### **Education and childcare**

Nursery, teaching staff and social workers.

##### **Key public services**

Those required to run the justice system, religious staff, as well as those responsible for managing the deceased, and journalists providing public service broadcasting.

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

Administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the Covid-19 response or delivering essential public services, including payment of benefits.

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

Those involved in the production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery of food.

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

Police, support staff, Ministry of Defence civilian staff and armed forces personnel, fire and rescue staff, and those responsible for border security, prisons and probation.

##### **Transport**

Those who will keep air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the Covid-19 response.

##### **Utilities, communication and financial services**

Staff required to keep oil, gas, electricity, water and sewerage operations running. Staff in the civil nuclear, chemical and telecommunications sectors. Those in postal services and those working to provide essential financial services.