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3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope that all of our families have had a good Christmas break.

You may be aware, from the media, of the very fluid situation schools currently find themselves in. After careful consideration we have decided that it is appropriate for Utkinton St. Paul's CE Primary School to move one of our July INSET days to Monday of this week, with children returning to school on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> January. This delay is to allow further arrangements to be put in place for safe opening following the most recent government guidance.

I apologise for the lateness of communicating this but the safety and wellbeing of our pupils, staff and parents remains our priority. I will write to you, with an update regarding our reviewed Risk Assessment and the children's return to school, later tomorrow.

As required by the Government we will remain open tomorrow (Monday) for the children of Critical Workers from 8.55am-3.30pm. Please find below those roles which are considered 'Critical Workers':

### **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**



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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)

### **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



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### **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

If you are classified as a Critical Worker and require a school place for your child tomorrow (Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January) please can you inform the School Office on [admin@utkintonce.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@utkintonce.cheshire.sch.uk) by 9pm this evening (Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January) so that we can ensure adequate supervision. As always, please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any queries or concerns.

Yours sincerely

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