

To Headteachers,

RE: Key workers and the COVID-19 pandemic

The announcement from the Department for Education on 19 March on [Guidance for schools, colleges and local authorities on maintaining educational provision](#) notes that schools have been asked to continue to provide care for children whose parents are critical to the COVID-19 response and cannot be safely cared for at home.

This includes children of parents who work in health and social care, which covers pharmacists and their support teams, as well as those working in the health and social care supply chain, such as producers and distributors of medicines.

Pharmacists and support staff are critical to the COVID-19 response and key workers in the health service. We know that pharmacy teams are working hard on the frontline to support the public during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Yours sincerely,



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