

School closure: key information for you

From Monday 23 March, schools will be closed to most pupils until further notice. SATs, GCSEs and A-levels won't happen this summer.

Who will schools be open for?

- › Children of critical workers (only one parent or carer needs to be a critical worker)
- › Vulnerable children (those with an education, health and care plan or a child protection plan, those who have a social worker or are in social difficulties, and those with specialist needs)

If you can keep your child at home safely, you should.

If you're a critical worker but prefer to keep your child at home with another adult, you can – this is up to you. If your child has a social worker, they'll work with you to decide the best option for your child.

Who's a critical worker?

You're a critical worker if you are employed in one of the following industries. Specific roles are listed [here](#).

- › 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
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What if I'm worried about my child or another child?

If you're finding it hard at home with your child and are struggling to cope, call [Family Lives](#) for free, confidential advice on **0808 800 2222**.

If you're worried about the safety of another child in our community, call the [NSPCC](#) on **0808 800 5000**. Or call the police on **999** if you think a child is in immediate danger.

This factsheet was produced by The Key for School Leaders. Read more detailed guidance here:

- › [Closure of educational settings: information for parents and carers](#), GOV.UK – DfE
- › [Guidance for schools, childcare providers, colleges and local authorities in England on maintaining educational provision](#), GOV.UK – DfE