

School Closure: Key Information for Parents

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

For whom will schools be open?

- 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
 - 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.

For more detailed guidance read:

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