

Essex County Council  
Date: 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020

**Critical Worker Status – Early Years and Childcare Staff**

Dear

In order to continue to provide educational provision for vulnerable children and the children of workers critical to the ongoing management of the Covid-19 response, you have been designated a **critical worker by Essex County Council, Education directorate.**

As such you are entitled to access educational provision for your own children if they are unable to remain at home safely.

The provision is to allow those critical workers to perform their roles which are critical in frontline services and the ongoing management of Covid-19, it is still vital to minimise the number of children in schools and early years settings to prevent the further spread of the virus.

Therefore, if your child can remain at home rather than attend school or an early years setting then they should. If there are days when you can work from home and keep your child at home, you should do this.

Kind Regards,



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Director of Education  
Sent on behalf of:  
Essex County Council