

Update from the Family Information Service – Leeds City Council 20th March 2020

As you know, the Department for Education advised the closure of all educational settings, including early years, from today, with the exception of places for children of key workers and those deemed 'vulnerable'. We have had overnight an update from the Department for Education (ignore any earlier version which did not mention early years providers) on what this means.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

The ability to stay open to support children of key workers or those deemed vulnerable, applies to all providers, including child minders.

The key worker list is here (I am told it is subject to change) . Our current understanding is that this applies even if only one parent (in a two parent household) is listed;

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

Vulnerable children include children who are supported by social care, those with safeguarding and welfare needs, including child in need plans, on child protection plans, 'looked after' children, young carers, disabled children and those with education, health and care (EHC) plans.