

Liverpool to open hubs for children of key workers

Hubs: 50 childcare sites will open on Monday 23 March.

AROUND 50 hubs to look after primary age children of key workers in Liverpool will open on Monday 23 March.

It follows the Government's decision to close schools later today until further notice, as part of the response to coronavirus.

The strategically located school sites are only for **primary age pupils whose parents are key workers and have no other safe childcare available to them**, and will initially be open from **9am until 4pm**.

Parents of primary school children who are eligible are asked to take their child to the nearest site which is convenient for them on Monday, where there will be staff available to receive them.

There will be no provision for secondary school pupils, but secondary schools are identifying vulnerable children and will be proactively contacting those parents directly to see if they need any support.

The city's **five nursery schools** - Abercromby Nursery School; Chatham Place Nursery School; East Prescot Road Nursery; Ellergreen Nursery School and Everton Nursery School - are remaining open and will accept children of key workers who have no other available childcare.

Some **special schools** will be open - Palmerston School; Princes Primary School; Hope School; Sandfield Park School; Woolton High School; Redbridge; Milstead; Abbots Lea and Bank View – and will be in touch with parents regarding their capacity to support children.

The list of key workers is:

- Social workers, care workers, health and social care staff and those required to maintain the sector
- Teachers, specialist education professionals and nursery staff
- Staff essential to the operation of the justice system
- Staff involved in the management of the deceased
- Administrative staff in local government essential to the delivery of the COVID-19 response
- Staff delivering essential public services such as payment of benefits
- Staff involved in the distribution of food or other key goods
- Police and police support staff
- Fire and rescue staff and support staff
- Transport workers
- Utilities workers
- Probation staff

- IT staff necessary to support COVID-19 response
- Payment providers
- Waste disposal service presumably including refuse collection

In addition, other workers described include:

- Armed forces personnel
- MoD civilian staff and contractors
- National Crime Agency
- Border security
- National security staff
- Religions and charity staff
- Journalists and broadcasters

The list of hubs is:

- Arnot St Mary, Arnot Street, L4
- All Saint's Catholic Primary, Oakfield, Anfield
- Anfield Road Primary School, Anfield Road, Anfield
- Banks Road Primary, Banks Road, Garston
- Barlows Primary School, Barlows Lane, Fazakerley
- The Beacon Church of England Primary, Heyworth Street, Everton
- Blackmoor Park Infants, Leyfield Road, L12
- Dovedale Primary, Herondale Road, L18
- Fazakerley Primary, Formosa Drive, L10
- Faith Primary School, Prince Edwin Street, L5
- Florence Melly Primary, Bushey Road, L4
- Greenbank Primary School, Mossley Avenue , L18
- Holy Cross Primary, Fontenoy Street, L3
- Holy Name Catholic Primary, Mosspits Lane, Fazakerley
- Hunts Cross Primary School, Kingsthorpe Road, L25
- Kensington Community Primary School, Brae Street
- Kingsley Community School, Eversley Street
- Liverpool College, Queens Drive, L18
- Matthew Arnold Primary School, Dingle Lane, Dingle
- Mosspits Lane Primary School, Mosspits Lane, Wavertree
- Middlefield Community Primary, Alder Wood Avenue, Speke
- Monksdown Primary School, Monksdown Road, Norris Green
- Norman Pannell School, Brownbill Bank, L27
- Northcote Community Primary, Cavendish Drive, Walton
- Our Lady & St Philomena's Catholic Primary School, Sparrowhall Road, L9
- Our Lady and St Swithin's Catholic Primary, Parkstile Lane, L11
- Phoenix Primary School, Birchfield Road, L7
- Pleasant Street Community Primary, Pleasant Street, L3
- Rice Lane Primary, Brockenhurst Road, L9
- Rudston Primary School, Rudston Road, L16
- Sacred Heart Catholic School, Hall Lane, Kensington
- Springwood Heath Primary, Danefield Road, Allerton
- Sudley Junior School, Aigburth Road, L17
- St Ambrose Primary School, Alderfield Road, L24
- St Christopher's Catholic Primary, Tarbock Road, L24

- St Nicholas Catholic Primary School, Orthes Street, L3
- St Oswald's Catholic Primary School, Montague Road, Old Swan
- St Teresa of Lisieux Catholic Primary School, Uttington Avenue East, L11
- St John's Catholic Primary, Fountains Road, Kirkdale
- St Margaret's Anfield CE Primary, Lower Breck Road, Anfield
- St Paul & St. Timothy's Infant School, South Parkside Drive, L12
- St Paul's Catholic Junior School, Spring Grove, L12
- St Sebastian's Catholic Primary School, Holly Road, Fairfield
- Stockton Wood Primary, All Saints Road, Speke
- Wavertree Church of England Primary, Rose Villas, L15
- Windsor Primary School, Upper Hill Street, L8
- Woolton Primary School, Out Lane L25
- Our Lady of Assumption, Hedgefield Road, Belle Vale
- St Hugh's Primary School, Earle Road, L7
- Our Lady Immaculate Primary School, Northumberland Terrace, L5

In addition, **children's centres** will be open for parents of children on free school meals to collect vouchers which can be redeemed in store or online at ASDA. Those in self-isolation can phone their centre to arrange for the vouchers to be delivered.

The list of hubs is available at www.liverpool.gov.uk/coronavirus

Reaction

Director of Education, Steve Reddy said: "These are unprecedented times and I would like to thank all schools for their support over the last couple of days in coming up with a list of hubs.

"It is really important that people understand that the Government has instructed all schools to close from Friday.

"Many were already struggling to continue to provide an education for children due to the number of staff in self-isolation.

"We simply can't keep every school site open because that would not be sustainable, so what we have tried to do is come up with a list of strategically placed sites which we believe can be staffed, at least in the short term.

"My appeal to parents is to only take their child to a hub if they are on the list of key workers and they have no other childcare available to them.

"I want to be really honest with people: I know that the list of sites is not perfect, and that it will inconvenience some parents, but we are trying to do our very best in what are very exceptional circumstances.

"I promise that we will be reviewing the situation every single day and we will let people know if we are able to open more sites, or have to make other changes.

"Please keep checking our website regularly for updates and bear with us as we prioritise support for parents whose job is essential to keeping the city functioning and do not have any other available childcare."