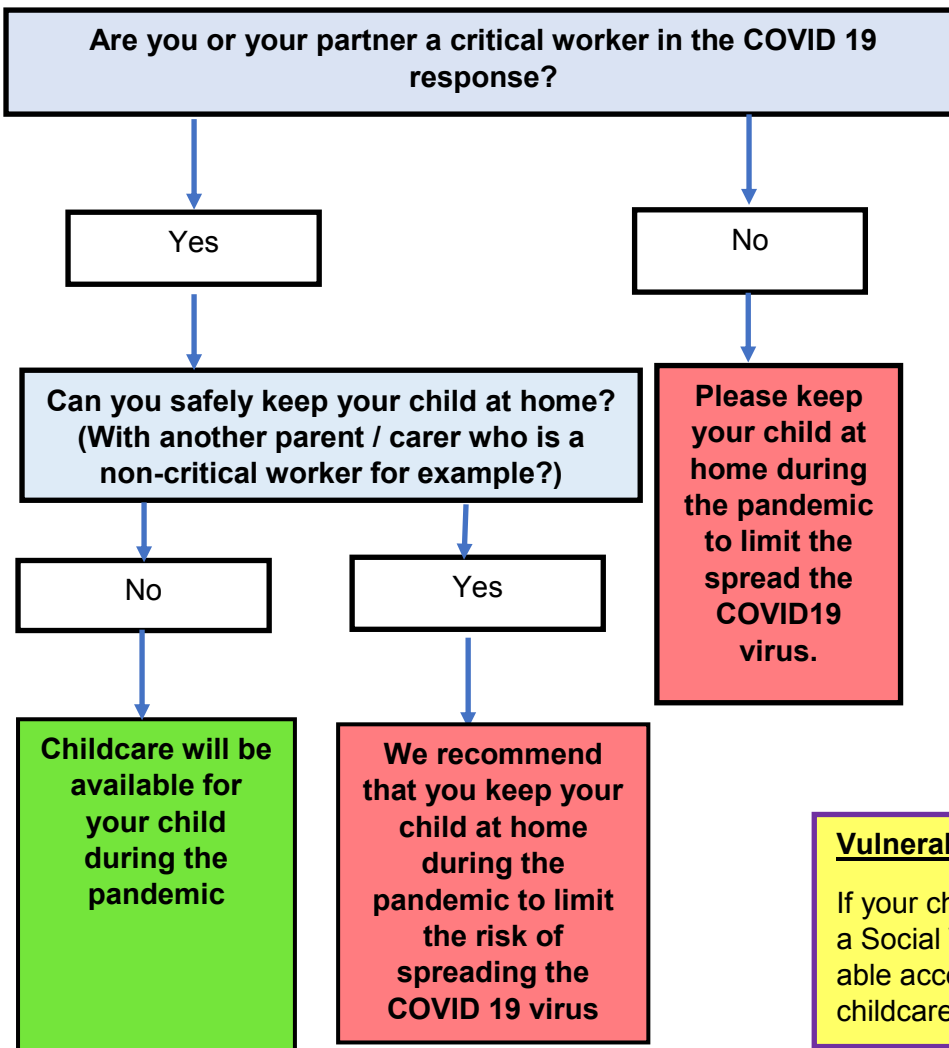




Childcare Advice for Parents – Can I continue to send my child to school or early years provision?



Who are critical workers?

A full list of critical workers are included in the [Government Critical Worker list](#)

You are a critical worker if you work in any of these areas:

- **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**

Vulnerable Groups of Children

If your child has an EHCP Plan or has a Social Worker, then they are also able access school or early years childcare.

1. If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.
2. If a child needs specialist support, is vulnerable or has a parent who is a critical worker, then educational provision will be available for them.
3. Parents should not rely for childcare upon those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category such as grandparents, friends, or family members with underlying conditions.
4. Parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults.
5. Residential special schools, boarding schools and special settings continue to care for children wherever possible.

For more information please go to **Notts Help Yourself** www.nottshelpyourself.org.uk

This website includes:

- information about what childcare is available for children under the age of 5.
- Information about childcare funding
- The Parents and Carers Zone which includes ideas for activities to do at home, how to talk to your children about Coronavirus, and much more.

For specific childcare queries for children under the age of 5, please email eycovid19@nottsc.gov.uk and keep checking [Notts Childcare Closures](#) for updates