

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: ESSENTIAL WORKERS & SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

I appreciate that the current situation relating to school closures is creating challenges that are new and difficult to manage in this unprecedented time.

There is a child/children attending your school [INSERT NAME(S)] whose parent [INSERT NAME] work for [INSERT NAME OF COMPANY].

The Company is a provider of eye health care, working as part of the NHS primary care provision to maintain the delivery of essential and urgent eyecare to the public during the COVID-19 pandemic. Essential eye health care provided in practice removes the need for patients to attend GP surgeries and hospitals for eye health care. Therefore as a result, we have a 'duty of care' to maintain service. Without our support, the provision of eye health care would be effected.

As the company provides care in optical practices, in the community, it is not possible for essential work tasks to be done from home.

As an essential worker, providing and supporting essential NHS eyecare services, could you please enrol the child's/children's attendance at school during the closure period.

Please make contact if you require further information. I have provided the link to the Government website below as well as the abstract where opticians are listed within the exceptions:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/further-businesses-and-premises-to-close/further-businesses-and-premises-to-close-guidance>

“Exceptions: Medical services (such as dental surgeries, opticians and audiology clinics, physiotherapy clinics, chiropody and podiatry clinics, and other professional vocational medical services)”

Yours sincerely

[Insert company name]