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Chief Executive
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Dear Headteacher

I am writing from the Institute of Biomedical Science – the UK’s professional body for biomedical scientists and support staff who work in healthcare laboratories. Thank you for agreeing to consider our member’s request for education provision during these exceptional and difficult times. We appreciate the immense pressure facing schools to support the families of key workers in this unprecedented situation.

On the government’s list of key workers eligible for education provision, our members fall into the first category of ‘Health and social care’ under the ‘support and specialist staff’ definition. As biomedical scientists, advanced practitioners and medical laboratory assistants, they are working on the frontline where patient samples are tested and the results sent back to doctors for diagnoses. Their roles are essential in the fight against COVID-19, and in the general running of the NHS.

I do hope that you will be able to support our member’s request and that you and your staff remain safe and well during these difficult times.

If you have any further queries regarding whether our member meets the key worker criteria, please don’t hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jill Rodney' in a cursive script.

Jill Rodney
Chief Executive
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