



Hollinswood Primary School and Nursery

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Dear Parents/Carers

School Closed from Tuesday 5th January 2021

As you will have seen or heard from the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday 4th January all schools are once again closed as part of a stricter national lockdown. Learning will transfer to a remote system again and we will be in touch with you about that soon.

From tomorrow (Tuesday 5th January) all schools are closed to the majority of children but will remain open for children of critical workers who cannot care for their children at home or elsewhere. I have attached this list below. The school is also open to vulnerable children - parents will know who they are. We will talk to you on Tuesday if you are not sure.

As before the instruction is to keep children off school as the priority, just because you are a critical worker doesn't mean that you have to send your children in to school. This applies to all children in our year groups.

If you require your child to be in school because they are vulnerable or because you are a critical worker then bring your children in at the usual time to the usual door. If you are unsure and want to keep your child off and talk to us during the day then please do so. We are expecting to be busy in the morning so you may not get through then.

We will have breakfast clubs as usual but watch this space in case we are required to change this. If you have any queries then please contact us from tomorrow. As we have just received the news at the same time as you we may not have immediate answers so please bear with us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely

Glenn Atkinson
Headteacher

Below is the latest Critical Worker list

Critical workers

Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and EU transition response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined in the following sections.

Health and social care

This includes, but is not limited to, doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

Education and childcare

This includes:

- Childcare
- Support and teaching staff
- Social workers
- Specialist education professionals who must remain active during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response to deliver this approach

Key public services

This includes:

- Those essential to the running of the justice system
- Religious staff
- Charities and workers delivering key frontline services
- Those responsible for the management of the deceased
- Journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting

Local and national government

This only includes those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of:

- The coronavirus (COVID-19) response, and the delivery of and response to EU transition
- Essential public services, such as the payment of benefits and the certification or checking of goods for import and export (including animal products, animals, plants and food), including in government agencies and arms length bodies

Food and other necessary goods

This includes those involved in food:

- Production
- Processing
- Distribution
- Sale and delivery
- As well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines)

Public safety and national security

This includes:

- Police and support staff
- Ministry of Defence civilians
- Contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and EU transition)
- Fire and rescue service employees (including support staff)
- National Crime Agency staff
- Those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas

Transport and border

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response and EU transition, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass and those constructing or supporting the operation of critical transport and border infrastructure through which supply chains pass.

Utilities, communication and financial services

This includes:

- Staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure)
- The oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage)
- Information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response
- Key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services)
- Postal services and delivery
- Payments providers
- Waste disposal sectors