



# Hollybrook Infant & Junior Schools

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Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are sure you are aware of developing situation around the opening of Primary Schools.

We will continue to do our absolute best to ensure that both schools are fully open. However, we have to be prepared for changes in staffing levels or decisions by the government meaning that we have to close the schools.

If either of these situations do occur, we would be open for children that are considered vulnerable and children of those who are considered critical workers.

The government has issued a **new list of critical worker roles**, the link for which is below, and listed at the end of the letter:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

To support us in planning for any eventuality we need to establish which children have parents that are critical workers that must have a school place in order to continue working. Please complete the Google Survey using the link below, by 9am Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January informing us if you meet the criteria of critical worker or not.

[COVID-19 Critical Workers January 2021 \(google.com\)](#)

We need every family to complete this survey; if you have not submitted a response by the deadline, we will assume that you do not consider yourself a critical worker and therefore will not require a space if changes to our offered provision are necessary.

Whilst we appreciate that for many parents working from home with children around is not an ideal situation, and in fact, is incredibly challenging, in order to safeguard our pupils, staff and community we ask you to consider very carefully if you meet the critical worker criteria and are not able to support your child at home.

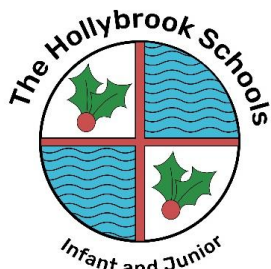
Due to our responsibility to provide remote learning for all children not at school and the time commitment this requires from our staff, we may have to prioritise critical worker places. **Only request a space at school if your child is vulnerable or you are a critical worker who is unable to work unless your child has secured a place at school.**

To reiterate, the deadline for the survey is **9am on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January. Any responses submitted after this deadline will not be offered a space at school as the number of spaces are limited.**

Thank you for your continued support at this difficult and unsettling time.

Yours sincerely

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## Critical Workers – January 2021

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 arm's 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)



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## **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