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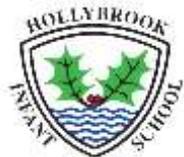
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Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Re: COVID-19 Keyworker Survey – response required by 4pm today**

We are writing to ask for your help and support.

Schools are being asked to continue to provide care for a limited number of children. Children who are vulnerable and children whose parents are critical to the Covid-19 response and cannot be safely cared for at home.

As per the Government's guidance, it is important to emphasise that schools remain safe places for children, however the fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in school, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society.

The Government has strongly urged **'If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.'** We would really appreciate your support with this in order that we can have sufficient staffing to remain open safely for a sustained period of time for those parents and children that really need our service.

Vulnerable children include children who are supported by social care, those with safeguarding and welfare needs, including child in need plans, on child protection plans, 'looked after' children, young carers, disabled children and those with [education, health and care \(EHC\) plans](#). This does not mean you have to send your child to school if they have an EHCP. School will look very different for a time and we recognise that for some of our children with particular needs this could cause them anxiety.

Parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors. A list of who is considered a key worker is provided below. The Government have stated that where there is one key worker in the home you may send your children to school, however I would ask you to consider my earlier comments.

We are attempting to ensure that our school can support the latest government guidance in supporting key workers and vulnerable children, however we are operating with limited resources and staffing. We would therefore appreciate your support in only sending your child to school if absolutely necessary.

Please could you complete the survey by clicking the link if you are a key worker and require the school to provide care from Monday.

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=124w-bBOUQrQwHRBFxtlQD5YqFBBdk1O0hxuRIEuFq84>



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In order to plan staffing, it is essential that you respond to this survey by **4pm today at the latest**. If you are not a key worker as specified by the Government (detailed below) you do not need to reply.

Please note, if you are currently in a period of isolation due to someone in your household experiencing symptoms of a dry, persistent cough or high temperature, pupils cannot return until the end of the 14 days starting from the first day of absence, even if you fit the latest criteria.

Yours sincerely

Marcella Dobson  
Headteacher

## Key Workers

If your work is critical to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors listed below, and you cannot keep your child safe at home then your children will be prioritised for education provision:

### 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 nursery and teaching staff, social workers and those specialist education professionals who must remain active during the 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, and 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 COVID-19 response or delivering essential public services such as the payment of benefits, including in government agencies and arm's length bodies.



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## **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 COVID-19 pandemic), 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**

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the COVID-19 response, including those working on transport systems 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 COVID-19 response, as well as 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 and waste disposal sectors.