



Tuesday 5th January 2021

Critical Worker Provision

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, following the Prime Minister's announcement yesterday evening, the school is now in full closure until at least February Half term. Although the school will be closed to pupils, we will be open during normal school hours for the children of critical workers and also vulnerable children which includes pupils with an Education Healthcare Plan.

For vulnerable pupils, including children with an Education Healthcare Plan you will not need to apply for a place as Mrs Osborne will be in touch with you directly to discuss the provision available to your individual child. You do not need to take up the offer of the place if you would prefer to keep your child at home because you feel that it would be safer but you can notify us during this phone call.

Parents who qualify as a 'Critical Worker' are those whose work is critical to the Corona virus (COVID-19) and EU transition response including those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors (outlined in the attached list). (please be aware that we may ask for simple evidence such as ID badge or pay slip). The document is also available online following this link;

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

As I said in my letter yesterday, I am keen to protect the workload of my teaching staff and consequently I will be asking them to concentrate solely on the provision of remote learning and supporting the children (and parents) in their classes during this difficult time. Therefore, I will be organising our support staff into 'bubble' groups to support our Critical Worker children. Whilst in school, those children will be expected to complete their home learning tasks independently and the adults will be available to them if they need support.

Whilst I am very keen to support working parents who are Critical Workers, our staffing capacity has its limits and given the pace of the infection rate at the moment I will be keen to keep these groups as small as possible for safety reasons. For this reason, when we allocate places we will initially prioritise families who have both parents who qualify as a Critical Workers followed by families where one parent qualifies. However, to minimise the spread of this infection we still feel strongly that every child who can be safely cared for at home should be. So, if a viable option for childcare is available at home, please prioritise this rather than sending the children in unnecessarily.

To apply for a place, please email help@heamoor.cornwall.sch.uk with your request. We will need to know the following information (for both parents if applicable);

- **Job role & Employer' name of (both) parent**
- **Days + Hours of work**

Please note, to reduce the numbers of children in school, we continue to expect that parents will only send their children to school when they are at work – arriving at school approximately 30 minutes before the commencement of their work / shift and collecting the child approximately 30 minutes after the completion of their work/shift.

Critical Worker groups will run from 8.45am to 3.15pm Monday to Friday and children should be dropped off and collected from the main entrance. One-way systems remain in place onsite and we ask that only one family accesses the reception area at a time so you may need to queue outside in a socially distanced manner during busier times.

Our school kitchen will be open as normal and meals provided to all children attending school (at the normal cost of £2.30). This will be provided for free to any of our infant children in attendance as well as children in receipt of Free School Meals (menu to follow).

For the remainder of this week the menu will be as follows;

Wednesday 6 th Jan	Jacket Potato with choice of beans, cheese or tuna	Chocolate crispy cake
Thursday 7 th Jan	Macaroni cheese with garlic bread	Chocolate crispy cake
Friday 8 th Jan	Hot chicken wrap with potato wedges & salad	Yoghurt pot

Once we have received applications, with a deadline of **3.30pm this afternoon**, we will then allocate the groups and organise staffing. We will then be in touch via email later today to confirm places.

I'm sure you can appreciate that we have had an immense amount to reorganise and I appreciate your patience and support whilst this has been done.

Yours Sincerely,



Mrs Jodie Flynn
Headteacher

Critical Worker List

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