

Headteacher: Miss Caitlin Macrae
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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Children of critical workers

I hope this letter finds you and your family safe and well. As you will be aware, the government has recently updated the guidance for schools, parents and carers on children of critical workers and their attendance at school. This guidance, along with the list of workers who are classed as 'critical' can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

On the 28th May, the government will decide whether the '5 key tests' for reopening schools more widely have been met. If these 5 key tests have been met, schools will be asked to begin to reopen more widely from 1st June.

At The Highfield School, we will therefore continue to offer a school place to the children of critical workers from this time.

Please note the following:

- When in school, students will be working on the work set through Show My Homework
- Students will be supervised by a small team of staff which will vary from day to day
- The timings of the school day will be as usual, starting at 8.20am, finishing at 2.55pm, with break and lunch at the usual times where possible
- Students will be expected to attend in usual school uniform, with their equipment and follow our Expectations of Conduct at all times
- Students should bring a packed lunch into school with them
- Students will be expected to socially distance at all times, to wash their hands several times each day as requested by staff and follow all health and safety expectations
- On arrival at school, students will be required to take their temperature, using an electronic thermometer provided by the school
- Students who display symptoms of coronavirus, or who are living in a household where someone displays symptoms of coronavirus, **must not attend school** for the required period. Please see the following link for further details:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

If you are a critical worker, your child is currently in Year 7 to 11 and you would like them to attend school during next half term, from the 1st June to the 17th July, please complete the survey, using the following link by **Thursday 21st May at 11am** to let us know your requirements. We will then be in touch on Friday 22nd May to confirm your child's school place from Monday 1st June. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Criticalworker19May20>

If your child is extremely clinically vulnerable and shielding, clinically vulnerable or living in a household with extremely clinically vulnerable and shielding family members we would ask that your child does not attend school.



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Please be aware that if staffing levels become critical, we may need to withdraw our offer of a school place. If this becomes the case, we will work with the local authority to find an alternative provision for those students who are attending.

Many thanks for your continued patience and support of the school.

Wishing you all the best of health.

Kind regards

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