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Dear Parent / Carer

Tell us if you are a key worker so that your child can continue attending school

We are inviting some students to come into school from Monday 23rd March onwards. For example, some students with SEND needs and those families who currently receive social work support have already received letters about this. This support has also been extended to key workers whose work is critical to the Coronavirus response in England. If you are one of these key workers, you can continue to send your child into school.

Government advice about you using this service is as follows:

- **If your child can remain at home, then they should do so.**
- You should not rely on elderly grandparents who are over 70 or who have underlying health conditions to look after your child. School will be available for them.

Please be reassured that the Government advice is that schools are a safe space for children. In trying to reduce numbers of students in schools, the strategy is to lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in society.

The table below explains which key workers will be able to send their children into school from Monday 23rd March. Please contact the school, by telephoning 020 8864 8544 or emailing help@northolthigh.org.uk to let us know whether you would like to take up this offer. This enables us to plan for school meals which we will provide each day.

Sector	Key worker roles in this sector
Health and Social Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers. • 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 medicine and medical and personal protective equipment.
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<p>This includes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those essential to the running of the justice system, religious staff, charities and workers delivering frontline services, those responsible for the management of the deceased, and journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting.
Food and other necessary goods	<p>This includes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<p>This includes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 of 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	<p>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.</p>
Utilities, communication and financial services	<p>This includes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • 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.

Action you need to take

If your work falls within the categories above, please confirm with your employer that, based on their business continuity arrangements, your specific role is necessary. If your employer confirms that this is the case, please contact the school to tell us whether your child will be coming into school.

You can contact us by telephoning 020 8864 8544 or by emailing us on help@northolthigh.org.uk.

Thank you all for your support this week. I apologise for the high volume of letters we have sent out this week, which may have seemed overwhelming. As ever, please contact us if you need any clarification or have any questions.

I hope that we will all settle in well with our new routines from next week onwards.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely



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