



Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Confirmation of School Closure in January 2021

This is to confirm that the Government has directed all Primary Schools in Hounslow to close for most of the children until Monday 18th January 2021 at the earliest.

Please be assured that staff will continue to provide home learning activities through our online platform Google Classroom and that we will do our best to keep you informed of any updates including arrangements for re-opening.

Provision for the Children of Key/Critical Workers

The Government are asking schools to continue to accommodate the children whose parents/carers are identified as 'Key/Critical Workers' i.e. whose work is critical to the coronavirus response, including those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors. Please scroll down find a full list of relevant occupations at the end of this letter.

If you are a Key/Critical Worker and have no other reasonable childcare alternative, you will need to register your child using the following link by 12.00pm on Monday 4th January 2020. <https://forms.gle/o5JzGNMmkQsXM3NE8>. Following this, we will contact you to confirm your child's registration, class allocation and lunch arrangements. Please do not bring your child to school unless you have received this confirmation.

Provision for Vulnerable Children

The school will also accommodate children who are defined as vulnerable, including those with Education Health Care Plans. We will contact the parents/carers of these children directly on Monday 4th January to confirm registration, class allocations and lunch arrangements. Please do not bring your child to school unless you have received this confirmation.

Please note that our drop-off and pick-up times and arrangements will remain the same as they were throughout the Autumn Term.

Thank You

Finally, we would like take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy New Year and to thank you for your cooperation, understanding and continued support. Stay safe and we look forward to seeing you all when the school reopens.

Yours sincerely,

I.A. Coleman

A.Coleman (Head of School)

G.R. Murrell

GR Murrell (Executive Headteacher)

Key/Critical Workers - List of Occupations

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 or delivering essential public services, such as the payment of benefits, 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)
- 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 coronavirus (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 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