



# Coleham Primary School

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Dear Parent and Carers,

## PLACES FOR VULNERABLE / CRITICAL WORKERS' CHILDREN IN THE EVENT OF CLOSURE

As we are all aware, the national COVID situation is changing every day. Despite there being **no current official indication of a lockdown**, we feel it would be prudent to plan for the possibility of a full school closure, like in March, where school would only be open to *vulnerable* children, and the children of *critical workers*. If your child falls into the *vulnerable* category, school will contact you to offer your child a place in the event of a closure.

### What is a Critical Worker?

The DfE has produced a list of job areas that include *critical workers*, and you will need to decide if your work fits into one of them. The list can be found by clicking the following link: [DfE Critical Workers definitions](#)

### What do I need to do?

We ask that **ALL PARENTS**, regardless of their *critical worker* status, complete a short online form so that we have accurate up-to-date information about:

- *Critical Worker* status
- The need for loans of school devices for online work
- Internet access at home

Please complete **ONE FORM PER CHILD**, and make sure you include first names and surnames. We would like you to access and complete the form by the end of **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January**.

The online form can be found by clicking this link: [INFORMATION FORM](#)

### What will it be like for the children?

We should be able to offer a place to children where at least one parent is categorised as a *critical worker*, but we would have to wait until further government guidance is released about any potential lockdown to provide specific details, such as the number of available places etc. We will be aiming to teach the curriculum as normal in school, replicating this online, as best as we can, for those at home.

Any child attending during a potential closure would be expected to attend **FULL TIME**. We will not be operating a booking system like we did last time.

**Please be assured that we do not want to alarm anyone. This is only a precautionary measure: at this point, we have not been made aware of any decision to close schools now, or in the near future.**

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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