



Sunday 3rd January 2021

Letter to Parents regarding school closure on Tuesday 5th January

Dear Parents/carers,

I am sorry to have to start the New Year informing you of school closure.

We have been advised by Essex to **MOVE TO A REMOTE EDUCATION DAY** on Tuesday 5th January. On Tuesday 5th January the school will only be open for **critical worker children** and **vulnerable children**. This is whilst Essex engage in further urgent discussions with the DfE around bringing Colchester into the contingency framework. This framework has required most Essex Primary schools to remain closed until 18th January. We will let you know the outcome of this as soon as possible.

Further information can be found [here](#)

For parents who are **critical workers**

We have a high percentage of families who can claim critical worker status and we are asking you to consider the need for your child to be in school if they can be supported at home. Teachers will be uploading work on Tapestry for Tuesday. If we are added to the contingency framework, learning packs will be made available for children to continue their learning at home whilst also being supported via Tapestry. We will write to you further on this issue.

We will try to accommodate as many requests as possible but the safety of our children, staff and families must take precedence.

Please fill in the attached form and return it to admin@montgomery-inf.essex.sch.uk

We will be contacting families of vulnerable children tomorrow to offer them a school place.

I look forward to having all our children back when it is safe to do so.

Take care and stay safe

Sue Bridgeman

Headteacher

Critical Worker List:

Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined in the following sections.

Please write YES in the right hand column to indicate the work you do that is critical to the coronavirus response.

Please also complete the yellow highlighted section at the end of the form.

	Write 'YES'
Health and social care	
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	
registered 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	
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 a) or b)	
a) those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the coronavirus (COVID-19) response	
b) delivering essential public services, such as the payment of benefits, including in government agencies and arms length bodies	
Food and other necessary goods	
food production	
food processing	
food distribution	
food sale and delivery	
those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines)	
Public safety and national security	
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	
those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response	
those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass	
Utilities, communication and financial services	
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	

Parent 1 Name of the company for whom you currently work:

Signature of parent who is a critical worker:

Parent 2 (if applicable) Name of the company for whom you currently work:

Signature of parent who is a critical worker:

Name(s) of child(ren) attending school and class: