

## Critical workers and vulnerable children – priorities and tiering January 2020



Following the government announcement of the [closure of Croydon schools](#) in January 2021 schools in the Pegasus Academy Trust and Thornton Heath Nursery School will be offering on site places to the children of critical workers and vulnerable children as required in the guidance. If demand exceeds supply we will use our tiered system as in previous lockdowns and this is explained in the table below. Please note:

- These places are intended for families who have **no other adult at home** to look after children and who are immediately required in the response to this virus. Regardless of your critical worker status if there is an adult at home you will not be offered a place;
- We reserve the right to request additional information direct from your workplace to confirm that you are needed on site, including shift patterns etc. and may ask you for further contact details.
- The safest place for children to be is at home at this time. Mixing with other children will heighten the risk of infection and should be avoided unless there are NO OTHER OPTIONS;
- School staff will be under great pressure and response times will be slower than normal.

THNS will allocate places according to these tiers:

| Tiering  | Descriptor   |
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| <p><b>Tier 1 – will be allocated a place first</b></p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NHS frontline clinical staff or administrators (e.g. NHS 911 etc.) working directly with Coronavirus patients;</li> <li>• First responders (i.e. paramedics or those who support them)</li> <li>• Police officers and some civilian police staff (e.g. dispatchers);</li> <li>• Firefighters;</li> <li>• Those in NHS support services needed to keep hospitals and clinics running – e.g. hospital porters, full time hospital cleaners etc. (please explain when you e-mail us)</li> <li>• School staff <b>who are attending on site provision at their own schools</b> – e.g. looking after the children of critical workers themselves. We would expect that these staff would be attending on a rota basis and would not require full time places. Those teaching at home in schools outside the Trust will not be offered in Tier 1 but in Tier 3 below.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Tier 2 – will be allocated a place when all places are not used by Tier 1 parents (effectively first waiting list)</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other frontline NHS workers (e.g. midwives, pathologists, CT scan operators, radiographers)</li> <li>• Local authority staff working in key emergency planning roles;</li> <li>• Those responsible for the management of the deceased;</li> <li>• Those medical staff involved in vaccination;</li> </ul>   |

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| <p><b>Tier 3 – keyworkers who may be needed if/when the crisis escalates (effectively second waiting list – clinical staff offered first)</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Those in other NHS/private care roles who will not be called upon to assist in coronavirus cases – e.g. care home staff, researchers, private pharmacists, OT, NHS administrators, other medical specialities etc.)</li> <li>• Social workers;</li> <li>• Those involved with the supply chain for supermarkets and pharmacies (i.e. supermarket delivery drivers and those in supporting logistics roles)</li> <li>• Those working for TfL in key transport roles (train drivers, bus drivers)</li> <li>• Prison officers and some other prison staff or involved in judicial system;</li> <li>• Those working in care homes or in meals on wheels;</li> <li>• Community police officers;</li> <li>• Teachers and other school staff working from home (no full time offers made)</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Tier 4 – only able to offer a place if there are spaces left once other tiers have been accommodated.</b></p>                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Those involved in the water industry – delivery or maintenance;</li> <li>• ICT or telecoms workers in critical roles (please explain in e-mail)</li> <li>• Those employed in necessary government processes such as the payment of benefits;</li> <li>• Probation service staff;</li> <li>• Those involved in fuel or gas deliveries or maintenance;</li> <li>• Transport and associated staff in support roles for transport services. In the previous lockdowns most of these staff were able to change shifts to accommodate childcare;</li> <li>• NHS medical students;</li> <li>• Those working in postal services and delivery;</li> <li>• Those working in waste disposal sectors</li> </ul>   |