**Critical Worker Application Form for Continued Access to School Provision during Closure**

The government has released new guidance which defines those occupations that are ‘critical workers’ during this crisis. It states that:

As a country, we all need to do what we can to reduce the spread of the COVID19 virus.

That is why the government has given clear guidance on [self-isolation,](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-advice/) [household isolation](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance) and [social distancing.](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people)

And the most recent scientific advice on how to further limit the spread of COVID19 is clear. **If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading**.

That is why the government has asked parents to **keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend.**

It is important to underline that schools, colleges and other educational establishments remain safe places for children. But the **fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society**.

Schools are, therefore, being asked to continue to provide care for a limited number of children - children who are vulnerable and children whose parents are critical to the Covid-19 response and cannot be safely cared for at home.

Many parents working in these critical sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. **Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.**

This is an offer to parents and carers and there is **no requirement for parents and carers to send their children to school if they do not need or wish to do so**.

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It is very important that this access is provided for critical workers.

As such, if you think that you are eligible for this access via your employment status, please follow the flowchart below. If you are qualify and wish to access this offer, please fill in the questionnaire and return it to office@linby.notts.sch.uk

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|  | **My occupation is listed below:** |
| • | NHS staff |
| • | Teachers and support staff |
| • | Police and community support officers |
| • | Prison officers and staff |
| • | Probation officers and trainee probation officers |
| • | LA officers and LA/NHS social workers |
| • | Uniformed staff in fire and rescue service |
| • | Armed forces personnel and some civilian MOD personnel (ie clinical staff, MOD police, uniformed fire and defense) and some discharge personnel |
| • | Highway agency traffic staff |
| • | LA environmental health officers / practitioners |
| • | Care workers |
| • | Food/supermarket drivers and other workers |

**Can your child be cared for at**

**home?**

**Is your occupation in the list of**

**critical workers?**

**Your child should remain at**

**home**

**You may be eligible for some**

**or all the enhanced provision.**

**Please fill in the application**

**form below**

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**Application Form**

Please answer all of the questions in full:

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| **1. What is your name?** |  | | |
| **2. What is your job title?** |  | | |
| **3. Please indicate the critical worker category that matches your role (from the list on page 2)** |  | | |
| **4. Please provide the name and contact details (email and telephone number) of your line manager.** |  | | |
| **5. How many hours per week are you employed in the critical worker role?** |  | | |
| **6. What is your shift pattern?** | MON  TUES  WED  THUR  FRI | | |
| **7. Are you a single parent? (if yes, go to question 9)** | Yes No | | |
| **8. What is your partner’s occupation (please state ‘none’ if they are unemployed).** |  | | |
| **9. Are you wishing to access continued provision at the school at any point?** | Yes No | | |
| **10. Please specify which of the sessions you will need to access.** |  | **Morning** | **Afternoon** |
| **Monday** |  |  |
| **Tuesday** |  |  |
| **Wednesday** |  |  |
| **Thursday** |  |  |
| **Friday** |  |  |

# Now please return this form to: office@linby.notts.sch.uk