

The Mortimer Federation of St. John's and St. Mary's
Critical workers and vulnerable children – priority criteria

Following the government announcement of the closure of schools in January 2021, The Mortimer Federation of St. John's and St. Mary's will be offering on site places to the children of critical workers and vulnerable children, as required, following the guidance. Places will be offered between 8.45 am until 3.15 pm. Both morning sessions and afternoon sessions are also acceptable.

Please note that due to the fact that our class teachers are required to run online learning for their classes, a maximum of 30 children can be accommodated on each school site. 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.

If demand exceeds supply we will use our criteria system and this is explained in the table below.

Regardless of your critical worker status if there is an adult at home you will not be offered a place.

We will not offer full time places in the most cases so that more families can be accommodated. 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. Some places will be filled by children of the Mortimer Federation staff who are required on school sites.

The Mortimer Federation will allocate places according to the following criteria:

Criteria	Descriptor
Criteria Level 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHS frontline clinical staff or administrators (e.g. NHS 911 etc.) working directly with Coronavirus patients • Those medical staff involved in Covid-19 vaccinations • First responders (i.e. paramedics or those who support them) • Police officers and some civilian police staff (e.g. dispatchers); • Firefighters; • 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) • School staff who are attending on site provision at their own schools – e.g. looking after the children of critical workers themselves.
Criteria Level 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other frontline NHS workers (e.g. midwives, pathologists, CT scan operators, radiographers) • Local authority staff working in key emergency planning roles;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key staff working in the civil nuclear sector/defence • Those responsible for the management of the deceased; • Those working in key transport roles
Criteria Level 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.) • Social workers; • Those involved with the supply chain for supermarkets and pharmacies (i.e. supermarket delivery drivers and those in supporting logistics roles) • Prison officers and some other prison staff or involved in judicial system; • Those working in waste disposal sectors • Those involved in the water industry – delivery or maintenance; • Those working in border control • Those medical staff involved in non Covid-19 vaccination
Criteria Level 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICT or telecoms workers in critical roles (please explain in email) • Those employed in necessary government processes such as the payment of benefits; • Probation service staff; • Those involved in fuel or gas deliveries or maintenance; • Transport and associated staff in support roles for transport services. • Warehouse distribution • NHS medical students; • Those working in postal services and delivery; • Community police officers; • Those involved in critical roles in the EU transition response • Those employed in essential financial service provision

Children with Educational Health Care Plans, Children in Care and children with a social worker actively involved with the family are deemed vulnerable. At the local authorities or school's discretion additional pupils may be identified as vulnerable and be offered face of face support.