



*"Do all the good you can,
by all the means you can."*

John Wesley

Holmeswood Methodist School
Chapel Lane
Holmeswood
Nr Rufford
L40 1UD

Tel: 01704 821360
email: head@holmeswood.lancs.sch.uk

Tuesday 5th January 2021

Dear Parents,

RE: Critical Worker Provision

We need your help.

The overriding aim of the government is "limiting attendance at school to reduce the number of contacts that all of us have with people in other households."

Unfortunately, the definition of 'critical worker' is so broad that if all our eligible families took up a place in school, we would have around 70% of our pupil population back in.

That would not only compromise our ability to provide remote learning for all pupils, but also increase the health risk to our families, our staff and their families.

We will be open for any child and family who need us. However, this should be considered a last resort. It is much safer to form a childcare or support bubble with a friend, neighbour or family member, than to send your child into school.

Please note the following (subject to change should the number in attendance exceed 14):

- Starting tomorrow, Wednesday 6th January, our Teaching Assistants will be in school between 8.45am and 3.30pm. Consideration will be made to extend these opening times over the coming weeks.
- They will supervise those children in attendance and ensure they carry out the remote learning tasks set by Mrs Ross, Mrs Scott and Mrs Jackson.





*"Do all the good you can,
by all the means you can."*
John Wesley

Holmeswood Methodist School
Chapel Lane
Holmeswood
Nr Rufford
L40 1UD

Tel: 01704 821360
email: head@holmeswood.lancs.sch.uk

- They will operate from the school hall at desks set 2m apart.
- Children will be expected to wear masks when coming into and moving around school, although they can remove these whilst at their desks.
- Our Teaching Assistants will maintain a safe distance of 2m from the children wherever possible. In the event that staff have to work more closely with a child, they will also wear masks or face shields and other PPE (personal protective equipment) where necessary and appropriate.
- On the days they attend, children are required to come to school in uniform and bring the following items:
 - a warm, waterproof coat
 - packed lunch and water bottle
 - pencil case with all the stationery they need
 - fully charged Chromebook, mouse and headphones (all Junior pupils and those Infants who have them)
 - a reading book

If you have no alternative, please click on the link below (or copy and paste it into your browser) and complete the Google Form, specifying which days you need your child to attend.

We will require contact details for your employer and will be verifying eligibility for attendance as a vulnerable child or child of a critical worker.

Thank you for your support and understanding. Please help us to keep all our children, staff and families safe.

<https://forms.gle/QRVbkKMpUhrEPVqV8>