



Honeycroft remained open to support vulnerable and critical worker families during the national lockdown.

Between March and June only 30% of nursery settings remained open in Brighton and Hove, however the Honeycroft team and trustees remained committed to staying open during the pandemic to fulfil our charitable objectives and provide care and support to local critical workers and vulnerable families.

'Deciding to keep Honeycroft open during the crisis isn't the easy thing to do, but the team of dedicated carers and volunteers know it's the right thing to do. Because of their kindness so many key workers are able to keep at their jobs. I want to thank everyone at Honeycroft for going well beyond the call of duty, I'm hugely grateful.' Peter Kyle, MP for Hove and Portslade

Of the children attending Honeycroft during lockdown; 58% were from critical worker families,

"Over the past few years Honeycroft has been a second home for both my girls. During these unsettling times I can think of nowhere else I would rather my youngest daughter be than with the amazing team at Honeycroft whose laughter, love and compassion is everything when the world around my children is shifting." Current Honeycroft Family

25% were new families whose settings are closed,

"Honeycroft have been absolutely amazing, taking my daughter in when our usual nursery closed – she has settled in right away and made fantastic friends. I am utterly reliant on good quality childcare to enable me to continue working on the national COVID response. Childcare workers and teachers are unsung heroes of the current situation – thank you to everyone at Honeycroft." New family currently working for Public Health England

and 42% were from vulnerable families.

"As a family we are enormously grateful for the fact that Honeycroft has continued to stay open for those children most in need. We are under no illusions about the challenging nature of this undertaking, and yet the personnel involved have continued to be professional, welcoming, cheerful and accommodating in spite of the pressures under which they have worked. The level of commitment and care that this nursery provides is exceptional under normal circumstances. In the current situation it has proved above and beyond any reasonable expectation and we are so very thankful for the support and human kindness that has been shown to us." Current Honeycroft family

The Centre Manager and trustees would like to thank all the staff for their nerve and commitment to providing exceptional care during this challenging time.