

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NORTHAMPTON



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Dear Parents

Key Workers & School Attendance

Thank you for the parents that have responded to our request for information on those working in the frontline services. In order to be able to remain open, we need to confirm whether both parents work on the frontline.

Several parents, who are not working in the frontline, are requesting that their children attend school for childcare purposes, which is not possible as it increases the risk for everybody.

Please remember that the school will be operating on a skeleton staff, we have many staff who are already self-isolating already. In addition, none of our staff who have conditions from the vulnerable category will be able to work in the school.

As I am sure you understand the school closure is a measure to **reduce the risk of spreading the virus**, in order to do this and keep the children safe, we must keep numbers restricted to only those that require support as part of the frontline. We would expect that where another partner or adult is at home, who is not offering frontline services, they will provide the necessary childcare.

At present our list of key workers:

- NHS worker on frontline
- Delivery driver of essential goods(food, key resources such as medical products etc.(Please specify this and the company you work for)
- The Police

Once this list has been clarified, we will let families know individually if they meet the criteria. At the present, time it does not include the construction industry, the self-employed or those in management positions. I hope that many workers will have had support they need to work remotely from home. We do understand that this situation is difficult for families, however please appreciate that I have a duty of care to keep both children who need to attend and our staff safe as possible.

Children that meet the requirements and accept the place, there is an expectation that they will be in school full time from 9am -3pm, where they will be registered and in full school uniform. We are unable to support part time education, as we will need to decide how many staff are required consistently. If a child becomes ill whilst at school, they and any siblings will be sent home and the family will be expected to self-isolate for 14 days as per the government guidelines. After this time they will be able to attend.

Thank you for your continued support at this difficult time.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K Yuen
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