



ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Coronavirus update – Phased reopening of School

Following on from my letter Friday 15th May regarding the phased reopening of school to further children; we have been advised that children of key workers and vulnerable children must continue to be accommodated first. A list of key worker roles can be found below. Vulnerable Children are those with an assigned social worker or Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP)

If your work is critical to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors listed below, and you are not already sending your child to school, please contact us if you would like a place in school for your child. Currently the focus for this group of children is primarily child care with some educational input. Please note that no parents/carers are required to send their children to school at this time.

The key workers have been identified as:

Health and social care

This includes but is not limited to doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

Education and childcare

This includes nursery and teaching staff, social workers and those specialist education professionals who must remain active during the COVID-19 response to deliver this approach.

Key public services

This includes those essential to the running of the justice system, religious staff, charities and workers delivering key frontline services, those responsible for the management of the deceased, and journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting.

Local and national government

This only includes those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the COVID-19 response or delivering essential public services such as the payment of benefits, including in government agencies and arm's length bodies.

Food and other necessary goods

This includes those involved in food production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines).

Public safety and national security

This includes police and support staff, Ministry of Defence civilians, contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the COVID-19 pandemic), fire and rescue service employees (including support staff), National Crime Agency staff, those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas.

Transport

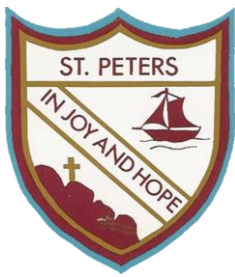
This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the COVID-19 response, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass.

Utilities, communication and financial services

This includes staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure), the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage), information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the COVID-19 response, as well as key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services), postal services and delivery, payments providers and waste disposal sectors.

If you are a keyworker wishing to send your child to school and have not already completed the form below, please do so and bring proof of employment with you to school no later than Friday 28th May 2020. Your children will then be allocated a place in a class bubble of no more than 15.





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No parents/carers are required to send their children to school at this time. If you choose to take up a place from 1st June 2020.

- ✓ Your staggered time to arrive at school is 8.30am, your collection time is 3.15pm so that schools can ensure there is minimal adult contact – 2m distancing between adults must be maintained. Parents must not gather at the school gates when arriving or departing.
- ✓ Only one adult can accompany children to school
- ✓ Children must wear clean clothes each day to school
- ✓ Families must continue to observe the current social distancing guidance out of school so must not be mixing with other households

From 1st June, Lunch will be available for all infants and juniors entitled to free school meals who are attending school. Current Free School Meal Vouchers will cease for children attending school.

Please bear in mind that this provision for key worker's children will remain subject to the school having sufficient staff available to enable them to remain open. If staff numbers fall, we may have to prioritise who places can be offered too. Further support for provision may then be offered through the Local Authority.

Once we know how many places in school are taken by key worker's and vulnerable children, we will then be in a position to plan a phased return to school for further year groups as recommended by the Government.

Speaking on behalf of the staff and Governors of St Peter's, please take care and look after each other. We hope to see you very soon

Yours Sincerely

Mrs J Farrelly

REPLY SLIP

Name of pupil: _____ Class: _____

I am not a key worker and my child will remain at home. Please tick

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I am a key worker employed as _____

Place of employment: _____

I do / do not require a childcare place (please delete as applicable)

SCHOOL OFFICE USE ONLY

Evidence of employment checked and photocopied _____

