



CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

We would like to confirm that our school is closing indefinitely for most children today.

In line with Government guidelines the school will remain open for vulnerable children and the children of *key workers from Monday, 23rd March 2020*. If your child is classed as a vulnerable child, we will notify you directly.

If you think that your child is entitled to attend school because you are classed as a Key Worker (see next page), please notify the school immediately (by email, telephone etc.) or in person on Monday morning.

If it is possible for Key Workers to keep their children at home, they need to do so. It is essential that only those children who qualify as vulnerable children or those of key workers with no other childcare options, are in schools. Parents have a social responsibility to be honest and work closely with us to follow government instructions carefully, minimise social contact and not put others at risk.

No child or member of staff should attend any school if they are showing Coronavirus Symptoms or are sharing a house with someone who is showing symptoms/self-isolating.

It is important that everyone follows government guidelines on self-isolation – i.e. symptom free for at least 14 days. Please be aware that, if children are brought to a school displaying symptoms, they will be isolated and sent home immediately and will not be allowed back to school for 14 days.

Parents should not rely for childcare upon those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category such as grandparents, friends, or family members with underlying conditions. Parents should do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults

This is a rapidly changing situation due to increasing amounts of staff absence and changes to the national management of the crisis.

We cannot therefore guarantee how long the school will be able to remain open for children of key workers, but we will endeavour to give you as much notice as possible of a full school closure, and work with the Local Authority to identify alternative provision where possible.

May we take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and wish you all well. We will keep you in our prayers. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

Mrs C Tickel
Headteacher



Government list of key workers: 20.3.2020

Key Area	Job Roles
Health and social care	Doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff <i>including volunteers</i> But also; support & specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health & social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines & 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 & 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 arms length bodies
Food & 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 & 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 & 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