



# SAINT PETER'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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Dear Parent,

## Re: Clarification on the Opening of School for Children of Key Workers

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to offer my thoughts and prayers to all families within the St. Peter's community during these difficult times. I do hope you are keeping safe and well.

I would also like to clarify the situation regarding key workers. As you aware, I wrote to you last week explaining that school would be open from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March for the children of key workers and vulnerable children. This remains the case. The Government issued a list of key workers late on Thursday night, which we sent to parents on Friday. Thank you to all the parents who are key workers who responded to our survey. Please be aware that this survey has now closed.

However, as further advice has been issued over the weekend, I would ask all parents to read the following points carefully and take action accordingly:

- The Secretary of State for Education Gavin Williamson has issued the following message: *"You should only send your child to school if you have to, because your work is critical to our Covid-19 response. If you are able to keep your child at home, you should."* **Therefore, you must keep your child at home if you are able to.**
- School will **only** be open for the following pupils:
  - Vulnerable pupils and pupils on an EHCP
  - Where both parents are key workers
  - Where one parent is a key worker and there is no other appropriate adult in the household who can look after the child
  - Where one parent is a key worker and there are extenuating circumstances why another appropriate adult in the household cannot look after the child (these will be considered on a case-by case basis and evidence may have to be provided).

**No other pupils should be in school.** In cases where one parent in the household is a key worker but one parent is not a key worker, children need to remain at home under the care of the non-key worker. These children should not be in school.

These are challenging times and I will do everything I can to support the families of key workers. However, as I am sure you can appreciate, I also have a duty to protect my staff, many of whom have young families themselves.

**In summary, it is essential that the only pupils who attend school are the ones who absolutely have to attend, according to the above criteria. The Government has made it clear that all other pupils have to remain at home.**

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Thank you for your support and understanding.

Yours faithfully,

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