

Holy Trinity C of E Primary Academy & Nursery



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Dear Parents and Carers,

At the end of today school will be closed. We will re-open a reduced provision on Monday for children of key workers.

The Government's scientific advice on which the general closure of schools is based is that we need to reduce social contact to reduce the spread of the virus. The scientific advice for schools opening to provide reduce provision is that it should be to no more than 20% of the schools normal population. This means that we will have to prioritise who the offer is made to.

I would like to draw parents' attention the following words from the Governments own advice:

"If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading."

"That is why the government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend."

"The fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society."

In our school we will be prioritising our offer in the following way:

1. Vulnerable children for whom we have sufficient staffing to provide appropriate provision and who are not medically vulnerable (Children with an EHCP and children who we identify as vulnerable for other reasons)
2. Families where both parents are key workers
3. Families where there is a sole parent or carer who is a key worker
4. Other families where there is a key worker

Who is a key Worker?

Health and social care

Frontline health and social care staff such as doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, as well as support and specialist staff in the health and social care sector. In addition it includes those working in supply chains including producers and distributors of medicines and personal protective equipment.

Education and childcare

Nursery, teaching staff and social workers.

Key public services

Those required to run the justice system, religious staff, as well as those responsible for managing the deceased, and journalists providing public service broadcasting.

Local and national government

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Administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the Covid-19 response or delivering essential public services, including payment of benefits.

Food and other necessary goods

Those involved in the production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery of food.

Public safety and national security

Police, support staff, Ministry of Defence civilian staff and armed forces personnel, fire and rescue staff, and those responsible for border security, prisons and probation.

Transport

Those who will keep air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the Covid-19 response.

Utilities, communication and financial services

Staff required to keep oil, gas, electricity, water and sewerage operations running. Staff in the civil nuclear, chemical and telecommunications sectors. Those in postal services and those working to provide essential financial services.

We asked Parents to provide us with some information regarding this yesterday. We ask today that if you have not already provided proof of occupation for all parents/ carers in the household that you do so urgently. Please send the information to the following e-mail: admin@holytrinitycepa.co.uk

As I have already said school will close today. We will contact families for the reduced provision as soon as we can and would ask that you let us know immediately whether you need the offered place or not.

If you do not receive an offer you must not attend school.

Please heed the Government advice above regarding how we can all work to reduce the spread of the virus.

I know these are difficult times for us all. We will strive above all to continue to work together and support one another as a school community.

Look after each other, be kind, stay well.

R. Dickson

Mr Dickson - School Principal

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