

ST MARGARET CLITHEROW ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Urgent Coronavirus Update – School Closure from Friday 20th March 3:30pm

Early this morning we received further guidance from the Government regarding key workers. Please find a link to this guidance <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

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. **Please be reminded that any child that can be at home, should be at home.**

If your work is critical to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors listed below, and **you cannot keep your child safe at home** then please complete the form at the end of this letter and return it to the school office by 12pm TODAY:

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.

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 arms 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, 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.



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At St Margaret Clitherow School we are committed to Safeguarding Children

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.

Please note that if we are unable to stay open due to staff shortage, the Government will work with the local educational authority, regional school commissioners and neighbouring providers to find an alternative school for your child to attend.

As mentioned last night, we have a very tight time schedule to put preparations in place for this provision and to ensure that it is adequately and safely staffed. **If either parent falls into a category above and you are unable to keep your child at home and wish to use our school's provision, you will need to notify us by 12pm TODAY, so that we can ensure adequate provision is in place from Monday. Please do not assume that completing the form below entitles you to a school place from Monday.**

The aim of the Government's strategy is to reduce the number of children in school whilst ensuring that essential workers are available to work as required. **As such, even if you are a key worker, if you do not need this provision, because you already have suitable childcare in place, we urge you to keep your original plans.**

If you meet the above criteria and wish to access the school's provision, please complete the form below, along with some work ID and return it to school by 12pm TODAY. If you are able to complete the form at home, please do so and email it to admin@clitherow.herts.sch.uk We will have paper copies available at the school office for you to complete if necessary. If you are currently self-isolating please contact the school office by 12pm and notify us that you will need a school place – you will still need to complete a form.

Can I please remind you that if a child or a parent is self-isolating due to coronavirus-like symptoms (persistent new cough OR high temperature – 37.8 degrees plus) the isolation period for the WHOLE HOUSEHOLD (not just the individual displaying the symptoms) is now 14 DAYS from the onset of symptoms. These guidelines are still in place.

At this stage, we need to consider what the provision will look like and how we will be able to cater for a wide range of ages together in a suitable way for those still accessing our school. It is clear that this will look very different to a normal school day, using a different structure and routine. Teaching and learning will be very different to cater for the broader age range, abilities and the interests of the children and will be dependent upon the experience of the staff available.

We will continue to update you daily as we are given further advice. Please keep our School Community in your prayers.

God Bless



Carmela Puccio
Headteacher



Sally Curtis
Chair of Governors



Vulnerable Children and Children of Keyworkers

Request for accessing school provision at St. Margaret Clitherow School from Monday 23rd March 2020.

I would like to request that my child(ren) attend(s) school during the time that schools are closed

Child's name	Class

I need to access this provision because (please tick):

- Parents/carers are categorised as key workers by the Government's definition and we are unable to look after our child.
- I am a key worker (by the Government's definition) and a single parent and I am unable to look after my child.
- My child is currently supported by an EHCP and I would like them to attend
- My child is currently linked to a named Social Worker
- Identification shown to school member of staff confirming my key worker role**

I understand that this provision is for the regular school day and that I will need to make appropriate arrangements for drop-off and collection

Details of key worker(s)

First Parent/Carer's Name:

Key worker's Job Title:

Name of Employer:

Work Telephone Number:

Line Manager's Name & Job Title:

Second Parent/Carer's Name:

Key worker's Job Title:

Name of Employer:

Work Telephone Number:

Line Manager's Name & Job Title:

