

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School

To love, serve and learn as Jesus shows us



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RE: Coronavirus update

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Government were delayed in publishing the list of key workers, which was originally due yesterday. However we can now provide clearer information in regards to who are classed as key workers. Please read the information below with the following clear messages from Government in mind – social distancing remains the priority for all, and therefore where possible we are expecting most children to be cared for at home from Monday in order to achieve the desired impact of slowing the spread of Coronavirus.

If your child has an EHCP or social worker, or you are a key worker (listed below) and **do not** have the capacity to care for your child at home, school will be providing a skeleton staff and offering a safe place for your child to be looked after during normal school hours. The Education Minister, Gavin Williamson, made it clear that under current circumstances the function of this care is not to continue to follow the National Curriculum. This provision will be offered with the wellbeing and safety of staff and their families taken into consideration, and will only be sustainable in isolation of other schools whilst we have enough staff who are not self-isolated and in good health.

The following roles are classed as key workers:

- Health and social care:
 - Doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, health and social care supply workers
- Education and childcare:
 - Nursery and teaching staff and specialist education professionals
- Public servants:
 - Those involved in the running of the justice system, religious staff, charity workers delivering frontline services, those responsible for the management of the deceased, journalists and broadcasters providing public service broadcasting
- Local and national Government
 - Only those involved in the essential delivery of the COVID-19



- Food and other necessary goods:
 - Food production, processing, distribution sale and delivery and those essential to provision of other key goods (hygienic and veterinary)
- Public safety and national security
 - Police and support staff, Ministry of Defence, contractor and armed forces personnel, fire and rescue, National Crime Agency, border security, prison and probation service and national security roles
- Transport:
 - Those who keep air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport systems functioning
- Utilities, communication and financial services
 - Essential finance services, oil, gas, electricity and water sectors, IT and data infrastructure required during the COVID-19 response, key staff in civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunication, postal service, payment providers and waste disposal sector workers

I trust that all parents and carers will view this guidance in light of the clear message that if working from home, the best place for your child is also at home. If this is not possible then please contact school by lunchtime today to explain your circumstances so that by the end of day we can have a clear plan in place for essential opening on Monday.

Many thanks in anticipation of your understanding, support and cooperation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Vernon'.

Dominic Vernon

Head Teacher