



St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School

Following Jesus in all we think, do and say

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you and your loved ones are safe and well and enjoyed the time you were able to spend together over Christmas.

This afternoon the government announced that in order to help contain the community transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19), some restrictions to primary education settings are required in certain areas. These are in line with the [contingency framework](#) for education and childcare settings. Westminster is one of the areas identified and therefore **St. Mary of the Angels will not open fully to all pupils until Monday 18th January at the earliest.**

The school will be open from Tuesday 5th January for vulnerable pupils and pupils of critical workers only. The definition of vulnerable children and young people and critical workers can be found at the end of this email.

If you are a **critical worker** you must contact Ms Chadwick at office@stmaryangels.co.uk by 4pm on Thursday 31st December (tomorrow) to provide information of your key worker status and whether you wish your child/children to attend school. This is vital so that we can plan provision for these pupils to return to school on Tuesday 5th January. A member of school staff will be in touch with you on Monday 4th January to seek further information if required or to confirm your child is eligible for a place.

A senior member of staff will contact parents of **vulnerable pupils** on Monday 4th January to discuss the return to school for these pupils.

Home Learning will be provided for all pupils via the school website on Monday 4th January and will continue to be provided for pupils who will not be attending school until Friday 15th January. More information about the Home Learning offer will be sent home on Monday 4th January.

Kind regards

Mrs Wilson

Headteacher

Vulnerable children and young people

Vulnerable children and young people include those who:

- are assessed as being in need under section 17 of the Children Act 1989, including children and young people who have a child in need plan, a child protection plan or who are a looked-after child
- have an education, health and care (EHC) plan
- have been identified as otherwise vulnerable by educational providers or local authorities (including children's social care services), and who could therefore benefit from continued full-time attendance, this might include:
 - children and young people on the edge of receiving support from children's social care services
 - adopted children, those at risk of becoming NEET ('not in employment, education or training')
 - those living in temporary accommodation, those who are young carers
 - those who may have difficulty engaging with remote education at home (for example due to a lack of devices or quiet space to study)

- others at the provider and local authority's discretion

Critical workers

Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined in the following sections.

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 including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

Education and childcare

This includes:

- childcare
- support and teaching staff
- social workers
- specialist education professionals who must remain active during the coronavirus (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
- 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 coronavirus (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 (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak)
- 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 coronavirus (COVID-19) response, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass.

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 coronavirus (COVID-19) response
- 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
- waste disposal sectors