



St. Francis Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: SCHOOL CLOSURE 4th January- 15th January 2021

I am sorry to inform you that as advised by the Government, St. Francis will only be open at the beginning of January 2021 for Critical Worker's children (Appendix 1 - Please see below) and Vulnerable children. All other children will receive online learning; more information will follow on this on the 4th January 2021.

The 4th January 2021 remains an INSET Day to allow staff to prepare for the next two weeks school and home learning plans.

This instruction must be taken seriously by all to safeguard children and staff, while allowing Critical Workers to continue their role to support the country at this unprecedented time. Therefore, please only use this service if Parents/Carers are Critical Workers and need their child to attend school. By following this strictly, we can fully support the country's efforts, but also ensure the safeguarding and well-being of our children and staff.

We do ask that all replies be returned by 4pm Sunday 3rd January 2021.

If this slip is not returned, or you do not make contact with the school, it will be assumed that you are not a Critical Worker, and therefore, you do not require a place for your child/ren.

PLEASE NOTE

If your family is in self-isolation, your child cannot return to school until the 10-day period is up. If this is the case, please put on email as requested. When we email confirmation of you being a Critical Worker we will confirm return date for your child.

If you fall into one of the categories below and you need your child to continue to attend school please copy, paste and complete the below information into an email to the school: office@stfrancis.southwark.sch.uk

PLEASE NOTE: All aspects of the information below must be completed and returned by 03/01/21.

Subject: Critical Worker Main email

I confirm that my family circumstances do not allow for my child to be appropriately cared for at home while the school is not fully operational due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Self-Isolation: Yes/No (delete as applicable)

Name of child:

Class:

Sibling:

Class:

Parents who is in a Critical Worker role: (Mum/Dad/Guardian)

Role of Critical Worker:

Critical Worker's Employer:

Critical Worker's Contact details:

Address, email and telephone number:

All of this information is required to ensure we apply the strict ruling accurately.

If you wish to attach any further evidence, please feel free. Once verified we will email/telephone you confirmation and information regarding your child's schooling. This will take place on Monday 4th January 2021.

It is expected that St. Francis will resume as normal on Monday 18th January 2021, however, we will keep you advised of further changes following any updated Government guidance.

Appendix 1

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 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 (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the COVID-19 pandemic), 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.

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 contact the school should you require any further information.

In the meantime, I would like to thank you for your continued support during these challenging times.

Yours sincerely,

Liz Harris
Headteacher