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Coronavirus – Reduced Provision Arrangements

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The government has asked that schools provide face-to-face education for children of critical workers and vulnerable children at the start of this term.

Please complete the slip below **by noon on Friday 1 January**, if you are a critical worker and require onsite provision for your child, as they cannot be cared for at home.

Teachers will be providing remote education for the majority of pupils who will be at home. Provision for children attending onsite will be provided remotely by teachers and delivered in school by support staff.

During closure, should any family have a safeguarding or child protection concern about a child in their own or another's family then they should call Wandsworth's Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on: 0208-871-6622

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 your children will be prioritised for education provision:

Critical workers

Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and EU transition 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**

Vision: Delivering excellence, allowing all to flourish

Mission: Creating a culture of wonder, guided by Christian faith

Values: Compassion • Endurance • Thankfulness

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, and the delivery of and response to EU transition
- essential public services, such as the payment of benefits and the certification or checking of goods for import and export (including animal products, animals, plants and food), 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 and EU transition)
- 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 and border**

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response and EU transition, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass and those constructing or supporting the operation of critical transport and border infrastructure 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

Many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. Every child that can safely be cared for at home should be, particularly given the nature of this strain of the virus and that adults and children can be asymptomatic.

Vulnerable Children

Vulnerable children 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 or in the process of being referred to children's services
- adopted children or children on a special guardianship order
- 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)
- care leavers
- others at the provider and local authority's discretion including pupils and students who need to attend to receive support or manage risks to their mental health

As a school, we are responsible for offering and prioritising places for pupils who may be eligible to attend.

If you think you may be eligible for ongoing childcare as a critical worker, please fill out the slip below and email it to kdunford.212@lgflmail.org by 12pm tomorrow Friday 1st January. Our understanding is that the highest priority will be for families where both parents are critical workers or where a sole parent is a critical worker. It will be necessary for front line workers to demonstrate evidence of their role during this time. Evidence can be a short letter on headed paper from your employer or an official work pass or identity card.

Other identified groups (those with an EHCP, those with an allocated social worker, or other families where vulnerabilities make it impossible/not safe for them to remain at home) will receive a personalised email inviting your child/ren to access school provision.

You will be notified via email by Monday 4th January if your child can attend onsite provision at St. Mary's CE Primary School.

School will be open to the invited families from 9am until 3:00pm on Tuesday 5th January as far as possible until the end of the closure period or unless directed otherwise by the Government.

Please be assured that if you are a critical worker or considered to have a vulnerable child, further attendance is not compulsory. No fines will be issued by St. Mary's to families choosing to keep their children at home during this period.

Yours sincerely,
Kerry Dunford
Inclusion Manager

Child/ren's Name/s:

Child's Class/Year Group (please tick):

Nursery	Reception	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six

Parent's Name/s:

I would like the school to provide childcare, as I am a critical worker:

Yes No

Who in the household is/are critical workers?

Single parent

One parent

Both parents

I can provide proof that I am a key worker (please attach)