



# St John Fisher Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

## RE: Covid- 19 and Key Workers

The Government's guidance for schools maintaining educational provision states that schools are asked to remain open only for those children who absolutely have to attend.

We all need to do what we can to reduce the spread of Covid-19 and that is why our default position, as directed by our Government, is that **school is closed**. We have clear guidance on self-isolation and social-distancing. If your child can be safely cared for at home, then they should stay at home. Sending your child in otherwise places them and my staff at increased risk.

## Children of Key Workers

The list of key workers may be interpreted in different ways and many sectors are referenced in the guidance. However, please consider if your job and role is critical to the Covid-19 response. Is there another parent/ carer who is not a key worker and who can look after your child safely? If you are working from home then your child should remain at home with you

The Education Secretary, Gavin Williamson, has stated, 'You should only send your child to school on Monday if you have to because your work is critical to our Covid-19 response.'

You were contacted last week in response to your request for a school place for your child. I would ask you now to consider your request in light of the above information. We may need to reduce our list in order to keep the children of critical workers and staff as safe as possible and I ask for your co-operation in supporting us. Families where two parents are *critical* key workers will be prioritised, then families with one *critical* key worker. Please be aware that the provision is assessed daily and will be subject to rapid change due to national guidance.

If you feel your circumstances have changed, please contact the school as soon as possible so I can adjust staffing accordingly.

Kind regards,

Mrs Forrest  
Headteacher

At St John Fisher we shine!

