



# Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School

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Dear Parents/Carers

## School Closure due to Coronavirus Pandemic

As you will be aware, our Prime Minister has instructed that all schools are to close, as from end of school today, until further notice. Therefore, **do not** bring children to school on Monday unless this has been arranged with a school leader. We have provided home learning support and will continue to do so over the coming weeks. Schools have been asked to provide **childcare** for key workers and vulnerable children. School is closed - but Key Worker **Childcare** during the school day will operate from Monday. Schools will offer places to eligible pupils - please see further guidance attached.

We are preparing for a lockdown situation, as is happening in other parts of the world, to help minimise social contacts and significantly reduce the spread of Coronavirus COVID-19. Therefore, **"every child who can be cared for safely at home, should be."** Our Key Worker Childcare is to enable specific parents, who have no other alternative without this support, to do their part in helping keep **essential services** going. We expect parents to **only** use this facility when there is no alternative child care. It is not so that parents can continue normal life, but so essential services can operate.

We are currently operating on a very reduced staff, due to self-isolating because of significant underlying medical conditions, or showing symptoms, and we have to prepare for the event where staff numbers decline further. Currently both my Deputy Head and myself are in the self-isolating category, along with all cleaning staff and some teachers, TAs and welfare staff. Therefore, we are initially providing Key Worker Childcare from 9am until 3:10pm, Monday to Friday. As this continues we may close completely and keyworkers' children be offered a childcare place at a local "hub". (Possibly another bigger school.)

Please read the attached government guidance on key workers and complete the form below **ONLY IF** you require a school place because you meet these criteria and you have no other alternative. Complete the questionnaire by the e form link as soon as possible, and 2pm at the latest today, to aid us in our preparations.





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I am very sorry for the haste in which this must be done, but as I am sure you understand, the list of categories was only released at 3 am this morning!

Kind regards,

Mrs A. Aylott

Head teacher/NLE

## **Please read the following statement from the Government before completing the form.** Guidance

**Guidance for schools, childcare providers, colleges and local authorities in England on maintaining educational provision**

Published 19 March 2020

Please, therefore, follow these key principles:

- 1. If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.**
- 2. If a child needs specialist support, is vulnerable or has a parent who is a critical worker, then educational provision will be available for them.**
3. Parents should not rely for childcare upon those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category such as grandparents, friends, or family members with underlying conditions.
4. Parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults.
5. Residential special schools, boarding schools and special settings continue to care for children wherever possible.

**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:**

### **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.





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## 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.





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If workers think they fall within the critical categories above they should confirm with their employer that, based on their business continuity arrangements, their specific role is necessary for the continuation of this essential public service.

If your school is closed then please [contact your local authority](#), who will seek to redirect you to a local school in your area that your child, or children, can attend.

We are grateful for the work of teachers and workers in educational settings for continuing to provide for the children of the other critical workers of our country. It is an essential part of our national effort to combat this disease."

Now that you have read the list of Key Workers, please could you complete the e-form below **ONLY IF you require a school place because you meet these criteria**. Please let us know via the e-form as soon as possible and by 2 pm today at the latest to aid us in our preparations. Thank you.

Kind regards

Mrs A. Aylott  
Head teacher/NLE

Link to e-form

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=\\_eM4vBfKr0aADv2eq5GX0qQsXiK9xydGjB6RjWVRKKZUOTdPUDZKQzIzRjJVNUdDNFQzRTRRQ1M1Ri4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=_eM4vBfKr0aADv2eq5GX0qQsXiK9xydGjB6RjWVRKKZUOTdPUDZKQzIzRjJVNUdDNFQzRTRRQ1M1Ri4u)

