



Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents,

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure/non-closure

Following the government's release of what constitutes a key worker, please let the school know by 12pm today if you will be sending your child into school over the coming weeks. Please email [admin@stjosephs.ealing.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stjosephs.ealing.sch.uk) with the subject line KEY WORKER, CHILD WITH EHCP or CHILD WORKING WITH SOCIAL SERVICES giving your child's name and class, or phone the school. I have to know by then so that I can work out staffing levels and catering.

The list seems fairly comprehensive and I foresee quite a few children being in school. This does go against all social distancing advice that we are being given and I will not be able to comply with it in a school setting. I would therefore urge parents to consider carefully whether or not to send a child into school if, for example, one parent is not a key worker or is working from home and able to look after your child.

Currently, I am looking at opening the school from 7.45am until 4pm. I have not had advice from government yet on hours, but I see this as a substantial contribution to the effort we are all being asked to deliver in these trying times.

This provision will be a child care service and not full teaching. I will ask that on Monday and Tuesday children please bring in a packed lunch whilst I negotiate with caterers what we may be able to offer going forward.

Once I have all the numbers, I will be able to update you further.

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julian', written in a cursive style.

Mr Julian Rakowski  
Headteacher