



# Saint Thomas More R.C. Primary School

Senior Leadership Team

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5<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Critical worker information following Government Announcement 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

School is opening for Critical Workers and those classed as Vulnerable, as the Prime Minister announced the rest of school will be remote learning. The children will all be receiving education.

We will share further information regarding remote learning, zooms and any extra other support as soon as possible. Google classroom was updated yesterday with work for the week.

School will be running partially for those who meet the Critical worker criteria or are deemed vulnerable. It will not be provision as the last lockdown, but a normal school day. Therefore if you require a place in school the expectation will be daily attendance. Lunch time will be either packed lunch (provided by yourselves) or a school lunch, this will be at the normal weekly cost. We may be able to offer use of The Annex (before/After school club) this will also be at normal cost, if you have not registered with The Annex before, but will require it please state on the survey monkey.

It is essential that we keep numbers of children at school as low as possible to ensure we are complying with the government guidance. Attendance last year does not guarantee a place this time as we will have to prioritise those who fully meet the criteria.

## **Information before applying**

Although government guidance suggests that both parents do not need to be critical workers, we are asking for children to only come to school if there is not an adult at home that can look after them.

Proof of occupation may be requested from parents

If a place is offered, it is expected that the child will attend every day – this is a change to school's approach during the March lockdown and will ensure that we can staff both in school and online appropriately

The school day will be 8.40am to 3.10pm

Attached is the survey monkey form at the end of the letter to complete but please read the whole letter before completing.

**By completing this form you are informing school that you believe that you fall under the government identification of a 'Critical Worker' for our country. Please read carefully the list below:**

### **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.

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## 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

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)

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## 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

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LXGZN3H>

You will be informed as soon as possible if you have been successful for a Critical Worker place and start date via text.

Thank you so much for your continued support,

Best wishes

Mrs Butterworth  
Headteacher

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