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Dear Parent,

Covid-19 Update

I would like to update you on the school's position, based on Government guidance published late yesterday.

Vulnerable Children and Children of Key Workers

As I am sure you are aware, on Wednesday Boris Johnson announced that all schools in the United Kingdom would close indefinitely from Monday 23rd March to all children except those who are vulnerable and those whose parents are key workers. To clarify, the majority of children will need to remain at home based on that guidance:

'[That is why] the government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend.'

Last night, the Government announced which professions are classified as key workers. Please refer to the list overleaf for details.

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

If your employer deems your role to be essential, and your child has to attend school at any time during this period, we need to make arrangements to educate and safeguard children who will be on site. Please complete the survey on the school website, as a matter of urgency and by 5pm at the latest if this applies to you.
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/78JXH7B>.

Applications for free school meals and those finding themselves in financial difficulty

If your household income falls below £16,190 you are eligible for free school meals. You can apply via our school website through:
<https://www.st-peters.solihull.sch.uk/pupil-premium/> Application forms for Solihull, Birmingham and Worcestershire are all at the bottom of that page.

Financial support for employees:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19/covid-19-guidance-for-employees>

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COVID19 is presenting challenging and uncertain times for us all. The situation changes by the hour. We will keep in contact with you regularly and update you as soon as we know more.

Yours faithfully

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LIST OF KEY WORKERS

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 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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