

St. Paul's Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to thank you for all your messages of support and encouragement during this very challenging week for everyone.

As you know, **school is closing today** and will be remaining open only to provide childcare for children of critical workers and those that may be vulnerable. Those of you who have indicated you are eligible for a place against these criteria will be contacted later today with further details. The day for these children will include time to complete their Learning at Home activities which have been set by their class teachers, and some opportunities for periods of physical exercise.

For the rest of our children who will be home-based, please be reassured that we will keep in touch with you regularly and teachers will continue to send further ideas and work for learning at home via Purple Mash or email, in addition to the information we have already provided. We have also sent home an exercise book for your child to complete some of their learning in. If your child is currently absent from school but you would like to collect a book (or someone collect it for you) you are welcome to do this during next week.

Many of you working in the critical sectors may be able to ensure your child is kept at home. **Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.** That is the key message from the government - we have to ensure social distancing, but this will not be possible at school and it is **highly likely that those left in school will be exposed to the virus at some point.**

We will do whatever we can to help the national effort to reduce deaths. Therefore we will remain open whilst it is required and when it is safe to do so for the purpose of providing this vital childcare. It may be that you don't need us to look after your child for the whole day, and you may not require every day - we will be flexible. However if you have a confirmed place and you decide not to attend, you will still need to inform us so that we can plan accordingly and meet our safeguarding requirements.

We will still be offering our (chargeable) breakfast and after school provision for critical workers if they need it – booking arrangements for this will follow to those eligible.

If any child is unwell or has symptoms of COVID-19, they will not be allowed to come to school and you will have to isolate your household for 14 days from the onset of each person's symptoms.



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You can continue to find the latest Government advice on the DfE website and NHS direct; as well as a range of other websites and media. When we have any further information, we will of course contact you with this.

Please do contact us if you have any questions by phoning the school or emailing

parents@st-pauls-addlestone.surrey.sch.uk

May I send you best wishes on behalf of the whole school community and I hope that everyone stays safe and well as much as they possibly can in these difficult times.

Kind regards

Mrs Kaye

