



**St Ralph
Sherwin**
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

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Dear Parents/Carers

Children of Key Workers

Yesterday the Prime Minister announced that schools will close for all pupils (to approximately 90% of the school population) apart from the most vulnerable and children of key workers.

Throughout the last few weeks, we have followed the Government's guidance on how to respond to the Coronavirus and been active supporters of the strategy to combat the Coronavirus crisis.

In order to support key workers (families where **all** adult carers meet the key worker criteria) and the contributions they can make to fighting the spread of the virus, we will be keeping each of our schools open for their children. If you work in the following sectors, you are considered a key worker and you will be able to keep sending your child/children to their usual school, to enable you to continue to work.

Key Workers: (this list is by no means exhaustive, and will be updated further by the Government today)

- Armed Forces Personnel
- Firefighters and other related staff in the Fire and Rescue Services
- Local Authority staff (Environmental Health Officers, Planning officers etc.)
- NHS Workers
- Police Officers, including Community Support Officers and some civilian staff
- Prison Service and Probation Service Staff
- Social Workers, Educational Psychologists and Therapists employed by Local Authorities or NHS
- Teachers and Nursery Nurses
- Delivery drivers
- Highways Agency Staff
- Ministry of Defence Staff

If you work in one of these sectors, please could you if you haven't done so already complete the following survey: <https://tinyurl.com/w57j74k> to confirm which field you work in and to register your child / children. A member of the Safeguarding Team will then be in touch to discuss your child's eligibility for this continued provision.

Yours sincerely

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