



# ST CYRES SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Further to my letter yesterday, I am writing with more information published overnight regarding the definition of a 'key worker'. This can be found at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

Please note that the strong message from the Government is that, wherever possible, parents are asked to keep children home from school, and that the school remains open only for those children who absolutely need to attend. The fewer pupils who continue to come to school reduces the risk of the virus spreading to other vulnerable individuals in society.

From **Monday 23rd March 2020**, we will be opening the school from 8.30am until 2:40pm for children of **key workers**, as defined in the link above. This provision is strictly for children where at least one parent is a key worker and there is no other adult available to look after the children. This is also only for those days you are actually working.

Please note:

- The pupils will be cared for in mixed ages by various staff. Please note, these staff could be redeployed from other primary and secondary schools if necessary.
- The provision is one of childcare not education. We will obviously provide activities for pupils to do, but staff will not be teaching them.
- The pupils can bring a packed lunch or can receive a cooked meal which can be paid for using fobs and Parent Pay in the usual way. Pupils entitled to a free school meal will receive this in the usual way.
- The pupils do **not** need to wear school uniform, but should bring/wear appropriate clothing for sporting and physical activities.
- Please note, if your family has been self-isolating, the 14 day rule still applies and you must not send your child to school.
- **Pupils must enter the building using the main visitor entrance (and not the pupil entrance).** On arrival, pupils will register with a member of staff and will be instructed on where to go.

Email: [contact@stcyres.org](mailto:contact@stcyres.org)



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We would like to make it clear that, as a staff, we all want to do our civic duty at this difficult time and assist other key workers to do theirs, particularly those in our blue light services who are doing an amazing job. However, at a time when everyone is being instructed to stay at home to reduce social contact wherever possible, we expect this to be the case in school. The more children we have in school, the more risk this places on them, their families and indeed my staff who also have families at home. It will also not help the country's aim to slow the spread of the virus. We already have staff who are self-isolating and this is likely to increase which could reduce our ability to provide the service for those who really need it. Unless this is literally your only option and you have no one at home (e.g. a responsible older sibling, an adult not working or an adult working from home) we really do not expect your child to be in. Let's keep everyone in our school, community and country as safe as we can!

As per the instructions yesterday, please email [contact@stcyres.org](mailto:contact@stcyres.org) if you believe that you qualify for this service from next week. The following information is required. I have extended the deadline for this information to **2:00pm today** in light of the new information about key frontline workers.

Parent Name	Key Worker Occupation	Pupil Name	Year Group	Days Required

I continue to wish you and your family the very best health during this difficult time and I will endeavour to keep you informed as the situation develops.

Kind regards

Mr P Lewis

Acting Headteacher