



# St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

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## School Childcare for Children of Key Workers

Dear Parents,

Thank you for all your responses and kind words of support at these unprecedented times.

The government advice is very clear. **If you can look after your children at home, whether you are a key worker or not, then you should do so.** The whole purpose of closing schools is to limit the numbers of children and adults in regular social contact, to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Please refer to the information provided for schools and parents by HM Government, on this hyperlink: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

Parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors. **Many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. And every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.**

Please, therefore, follow these key principles:

1. If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.
2. If a child needs specialist support, is vulnerable or has both parents who are critical workers, then educational provision will be available for them.
3. Parents should not rely for childcare upon those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category such as grandparents, friends, or family members with underlying conditions.
4. Parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults.

If you are a key worker and you are on HM Government's list and you cannot make other arrangements then please, if you have not already done so, **contact school as soon as possible** by phone. It may be necessary for you to send proof of occupation.

Best regards,

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