



ST AGNES Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

The school has now received information relating to those groups of children who are eligible for a school place during closure. The advice still states that 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.

Below is a list of eligible children.

Vulnerable children which includes children who are supported by social care, those with safeguarding and welfare needs, including child in need plans, on child protection plans, 'looked after' children, young carers, disabled children and those with [education, health and care \(EHC\) plans](#).

The Critical Worker Categories are;

- **Health and social care** – any frontline professionals and support staff required to maintain the health and social care services including supply chain (producers through to distributors)
- **Education and childcare** – nursery and teaching staff and those required by schools to deliver this approach.
- **Key public services** – those involves in justice system, religious staff, journalists, broadcasters and those working with the deceased
- **Local and national government** – Essential administrative occupations for delivering the response or essential public processes such as benefits payments
- **Food and other necessary goods** – food and other key goods supply chain from production through to delivery (including sales). Other key goods examples include hygiene products.
- **Public safety and national security** – Emergency services, MoD, critical armed forces, national crime agency, border security, prison and probations staff including all appropriate support staff.

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- **Transport** – those who will keep air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating including their associated supply chains
- **Utilities, communication and financial services** – those providing essential financial services (including banks and finance infrastructure), oil, gas, electricity, water, IT and data infrastructure. Key staff in nuclear, chemical, telecommunication, postal services, payment providers and waste disposal.

Evidence will be required to support your application as a key worker in the form of an id badge.

Once we have a clearer picture of the numbers who wish to take this offer we will compile a school register. Anyone not on the register will not be allowed access to the school. The school will be operating a skeleton staff and is mindful that over time travel to and from the school could become more problematic therefore a risk assessment must also be put in place.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision>

Can all parents who fit into one of the above categories and who intend to send their child/children into school, please email admin@st-agnes.towerhamlets.sch.uk by 3pm today.

At present, as a small one form entry school we cannot answer any further questions until we get a sense of numbers and staffing levels.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in these very difficult times.

Yours sincerely

Ms B McDaid
HEADTEACHER