



# St Agnes C of E (V.A) Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Many thanks for your patience, offers of support and thanks in this difficult time.

The government has now published the definition of key workers and children who should remain in school.

St Agnes will continue to provide care for a limited number of children from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. This care will be for children who are vulnerable and children whose parents are critical to the COVID-19 response.

Vulnerable 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 an EHC plan.

Parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined below.

- Health and social care

This includes but is not limited to doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment

- Education and childcare

This includes nursery and teaching staff, social workers and those specialist education professionals who must remain active during the COVID-19 response to deliver this approach.

- Key public services

This includes those essential to the running of the justice system, religious staff, charities and workers delivering key frontline services, those responsible for the management of the deceased, and journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting.

- Local and national government

This includes those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the COVID-19 response or delivering essential public services such as the payment of benefits, including in government agencies and arms length bodies.

- Food and other necessary goods

This includes those involved in food production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines).

- Public safety and national security

This includes police and support staff, Ministry of Defence civilians, contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the





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response to the COVID-19 pandemic), fire and rescue service employees (including support staff), National Crime Agency staff, those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas.

- Transport

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the COVID-19 response, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass.

- Utilities, communication and financial services

This includes staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure), the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage), information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the COVID-19 response, as well as key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services), postal services and delivery, payments providers and waste disposal sectors.

Please contact the office if you are a key worker and have not already spoken to Miss Butterworth. Children who fall under the above categories will continue to come to school on Monday, as long as we have enough healthy staff to provide this provision. Before and after school care will remain as normal and packed lunches will be available for children who normally have a school dinner.

All other children must remain at home. Staff sent out home learning packs for 2 weeks work yesterday. If you have not received this due to absence you may collect it from the office. After this, learning will be uploaded weekly to the website and sent out via email.

We understand that this is a very worrying time for everybody, the school office will remain open. If you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact school.

All staff are here to support all our families throughout this time. We will reopen school to every child as soon as we are able.

Take care and remember we are always here to support you.

With very best wishes,

Mrs C Ireland and Miss S Butterworth  
Executive Head Teacher and Head of School

