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Dear Parents and Carers,

The unprecedented measure to close schools has been put in place to minimise the spread of infection and the most recent scientific advice on how to further limit the spread of COVID-19 is clear. That is why the government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and **asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend.**

It is important that all educational establishments remain safe places for children. The fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk of the virus spreading and infecting vulnerable individuals in our community and wider society. If your work is **critical** to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the **critical sectors** listed in the government's [key worker guidance](#) and you cannot keep your child safe at home then your children will be prioritised for childcare provision.

In order to minimise the risk to our staff and to plan appropriate supervision we will need to know on a weekly basis the number of children we will have on site. Please communicate this by each Friday for the following week via admin@st-marks.ealing.sch.uk including the days your child will attend and whether or not you require a school lunch. Children attending will not need to wear school uniform and should arrive at school for 8.45am and be collected at 3.15pm via the playground entrance of Green Lane.

Once again I would like to stress this is only if your work is essential and you have no other alternative child care. **Every child that can be looked after safely at home, should be.**

I thank you for your continued support.

Sophie Liardet



Headteacher