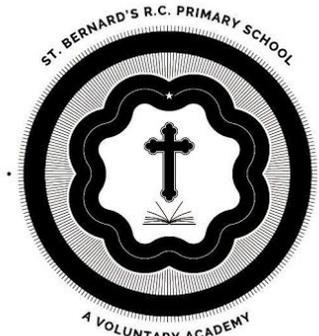


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20th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Guidance for schools remaining open from Monday was posted in the early hours this morning (see link below). The guidance is clear **“If children can stay safely at home, they should.”**

My view as your Headteacher, based on the guidance, is that **all parents** should endeavour to keep their children at home safely. The fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread across the wider community. **Outside of school, parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way that can continue to spread the virus.**

If your work is **critical** to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors, our school staff are committed to providing childcare whilst you are at work.

[Please complete this form if you are key worker and wish to be considered for a place.](#) This needs to be completed by 1:00pm today in order for us to make staffing plans for next week. You will be informed by email later today if we are able to support your request.

Furthermore, we will take all practical steps to keep our vulnerable children safe and we will endeavour to provide care, when and if it is needed.

In summary, the scientific guidance is clear - **the fewer children we have in school each day, the greater chance we have of limiting the risk of the virus spreading.**

These are testing times and is our civic and moral duty to keep our community safe, whilst at the same time keeping our critical services operating.

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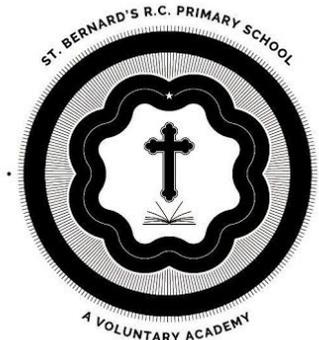
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Latest government advice link regarding key workers:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision?fbclid=IwAR0bw2mh1vPBfncuKKMfNm0eexgk0q65mvG-esGQBavtsVAe\\_bclmlBIF9A](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision?fbclid=IwAR0bw2mh1vPBfncuKKMfNm0eexgk0q65mvG-esGQBavtsVAe_bclmlBIF9A)

Many thanks for the huge support and understanding we have received during this very difficult time for our school and the wider world.

Yours Faithfully

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