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ST MARY'S C OF E SCHOOL CRITICAL WORKER & VULNERABLE CHILD CRITERIA

Penair Head's Cluster schools have agreed to come together to give extra clarity and consistency around the critical worker list. The Government's definition of a 'critical worker' and a 'vulnerable child' is extensive and unless we prioritise, we may not be able to support the families and workers that require this help the most. We have used the Government's official guidance as well as the Government's official list of critical workers to put critical workers into a tiered system from Tier 1 to 4. We have prioritised school staff* within Tier 1 in the knowledge that many staff members are local to the area – this should mean that by utilising local school staff within our own schools, we will be able to support many more local families with this childcare arrangement. Although this is an agreed tiered system, we will make a school by school decision based on our overall staffing capacity to identify how many tiers we can remain open to and this may change on a daily basis.

Current government guidance regarding eligibility for the school care as of Monday 23rd March 2020 is that children with at least one parent or carer who are identified as critical workers by the government can **potentially** send their children to school if required. **However, we must emphasise that the government guidance also states that "many parents working in these critical sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be."** Only use this emergency childcare at St Mary's if you have to.

This means that if you have 1 parent as a key worker and 1 parent/carers who does not work and is at home your children need to stay at home with that parent/carers.

We are asking parents to fill in the online form on the school, by midday today to give us information about your situations and why you require school-based childcare. You will at this point state your critical worker status, and days next week you need childcare. If you are a critical worker, we will be asking you to give us contact details including full name and telephone number of your supervisor so we can confirm that your active role is a necessity in these challenging circumstances and your working patterns. We will then text you at the end of the day to state whether your child/children can come to school week beginning 23.3.20.

Please note, the current guidance around self-isolation regarding symptoms of coronavirus including a temperature of over 37.8°C and/or a persistent cough are still in force. In the next few days, school leaders will have to make some incredibly difficult decisions and hold some very challenging conversations with families who are understandably anxious. We ask that you please work with us and not against us as we do this.

St Mary's Critical Workers Tiered List				
Tier 1 (in no particular order)	Tier 2 (in no particular order)	Tier 3 (in no particular order)	Tier 4 (in no particular order)	
- Doctors - Nurses - Midwives - Paramedics - Social Workers - Care workers - Machine workers producing medicines / medical personal protective equipment - Support and specialist staff as part of medical administrative support who <u>categorically cannot</u> work from home - Nursery staff* - Teaching staff* - School staff and school catering staff who must remain active during the COVID-19 to deliver this approach* - Social workers - Food distributors - Food processors - Food delivery drivers - Police and support staff - Ministry of Defence civilians - Contractor and armed forces personnel who are critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the COVID-19 pandemic - Fire and rescue service employees (including support staff) - Workers responsible for the management of the deceased	- Health & social care supply chain workers - Support and specialist staff as part of medical administrative support who <u>could</u> work from home - Food sale - Those involved in the production, distribution, sale and delivery of hygienic or veterinary medicines - Oil, gas, electricity and water (including sewerage) workers - Waste disposal sector workers - National Crime Agency staff - Border security - Prison and probation staff - Other national security roles including those oversees	- Those running the justice system - Air, water and road workers - Freight transport workers operating through COVID-19 responses - Telecommunications including call centre staff for 999 and 111 critical services) - Specialist education professionals who aren't school based - Civil nuclear and chemical workers - Network operation and field engineering workers - Payment providers - Charity workers providing support and relief in relation to COVID-19	- Religious staff - Journalists providing public service broadcasting - Broadcasters providing public service broadcasting - Local and national government administrators delivering essential public services such as the payment of benefits including in government agencies and arms-length bodies. - Rail passenger workers - Essential financial services provision (including but not limited to banks, building societies, financial market infrastructure) - Information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the COVID-19 response - Postal services and delivery workers	

For children coming in to school as of Monday 23rd March 2020, the following measures/precautions must be taken:

- Own clothes to be worn which are fresh on – we recommend putting clothes straight in the washing machine once returning home from school to minimise and control the spread of infection.
- Up to date contact details for family members must be available within school and emergency contact details should your child become poorly/exhibit symptoms of contracting coronavirus.
- We must register your child in and out of the premises by somebody who either has parental responsibility or has been nominated by yourselves, as long as you are all fit and well and now showing symptoms of coronavirus.
- If you become unwell with coronavirus symptoms, you must **immediately** contact school and arrange for collection of your child.
- Social distancing **must** be enforced whilst your child is not in school if we are to prevent/minimise the spread of infection.
- School **must** be informed if you no longer fall within the critical worker list or you have been asked to self-isolate.
- Thorough hand washing to take place at home just before leaving the home.
- Children must only be at school during parent's working hours and should be collected promptly.

This all may sound very official however, please remember we are doing all we can to keep everyone as safe and well as possible. All we do has the children and the community at the heart of it.

Stay safe, stay well and take care of each other.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs N Bray

Head Teacher