



20th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: School Information for Vulnerable Pupils and Key Workers

Following on from recent government guidance to open schools, only to those families of identified key workers, St Mary Magdalen's RC Primary School will be opening Monday-Friday 9.00am-3.30pm (no extended provision is available, e.g. breakfast or tea time club). It is **vitaly important** that this provision is accessed by those families who cannot arrange any other childcare as we must focus on limiting the social interaction as much as possible. To make this clear, this provision is to support families where a parent is a key worker and has no other childcare. The aim is for children to be at home with their families and not to mix with others. Whilst this will be a challenge, the intention is to slow down the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) to such an extent that it will protect the NHS and key services from becoming overwhelmed.

Please take note of government guidance 'Many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home' and also 'every child who can be safely cared for at home should be. Therefore, if you are working from home, your child should not be in school. Whilst we are here to support and care, the safety of our pupils, staff and families is paramount.

School uniform must be worn by all children and PE kits brought when required. Children accessing this childcare provision will require a packed lunch or they can pay for a school packed lunch via parent pay. Any children entitled to Free School Meals will receive a school packed lunch. Please ensure you have completed the key worker form (including your role and shift patterns to show when childcare is needed) and return this to school as a priority.

Please bear with us as we try to do our best under these difficult circumstances as we are receiving information at the last minute. We will continue to update the website, Twitter and the school app with any further updates.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr. L. J. Duncan