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Dear Parents and carers,

Apologies for the lengthy message, but it is important that you read ALL of the detail below and make sure you understand before proceeding.

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We now have more guidance from the department of Education. We are fully committed to supporting this initiative **but** need all parents to follow the guidelines.

The government has asked us to remain open, if possible, **only for those children who absolutely need to attend.**

I must emphasise - DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL UNLESS

- a) YOU ARE CLEARLY A KEY WORKER AND**
- b) HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO ALTERNATIVE**

If you are able to make your own childcare arrangements, then you must (NB: advice is to NOT leave them with elderly relatives).

Our staff, who are key workers themselves it must be remembered, are ready and willing to support frontline workers in this nationwide response, so please consider all options carefully.

The link to register as a Key Worker (see below for full definition) is here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YLTLQSJ>

If you have not registered, AND received confirmation from the school, by the end of Saturday 21st, your child will not be permitted to attend on Monday 23rd.

The full Government Guidance about who is classed as a Key Worker can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

Remember: if it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.

We will send you an acknowledgement receipt of your request - if you do not receive this by 5pm on Sunday 22nd, then please contact us to ensure we have received it via:

admin@st-johnvianney.haringey.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,

"In our school children, staff, parents and carers, governors and parish will work together to create a caring, learning environment with Our Lord as the focal point in which each child is valued as an individual, nurtured and encouraged to fulfil his/her potential."

Yours sincerely,

Stephen McNicholas

Headteacher

‘Key workers’

Health and social care

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 only 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 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**