



Stamford Green Primary School



20 March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

COVID-19 - Update 20.3.20

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 it.

Update for everyone

- School meals – For accounting purposes we have cleared all existing school meals booked on ScoPay up to Easter. Please rest assured that any credit will be held on your account for when school reopens. If you are a qualifying key worker and still require a school meal please read below for further instructions.
- Learning at home – The 'Home Challenges' for the EYFS and 'Home Based Learning Activities Passports' are all available on our website. We have had a few enquiries as to whether or not we will be doing online learning/virtual classes. At this stage, as we are still partially open for key worker staff, as well as managing staff illness, self-isolation and care for dependents, we will not be offering this.
- Families are being asked to follow these key principles:
 - Parents should not rely on childcare from those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category, such as grandparents, friends or family members with underlying conditions.
 - Parents should also do everything they can to ensure that children are not mixing socially in a way that can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults.

Provision for children of key workers

The government has published their list of 'key workers', whose children will be prioritised for a childcare place at school from Monday.

The emphasis from the DfE is that we must do all that we can to keep the number of children attending school to a minimum. **Every child who can be safely cared for at home, should be.** In this way all of us, including those of us continuing to work in school, stand a better chance of both staying well ourselves and protecting our own families. The DfE wording states:

- Many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. And every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.
- If you work in one of the critical sectors listed below, and you cannot keep your child safe at home then, your children will be prioritised for childcare provision.

Please read the guidance [here](#) and the list below. Following that, if you decide that you need priority child care, complete the Google form by noon on Saturday 21.3.20. <https://forms.gle/3cqDmH7QYk3wHUxFA>

Health and Social Care

- Doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, volunteers in frontline health and social care.
- Support and specialist staff required to maintain health and social sector.
- Those who work in the production and distribution of medicine, medical and personal protective equipment.

Education and Child Care

- Nursery and teaching staff
- All those who work in school and an education setting
- Specialist education professionals who must remain active to deliver this approach to COVID-19

Key Public Services

- 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
- 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 COVID19 response or delivering essential public services such as the payment of benefits, including in government agencies.

Food and Other Necessary Goods

- Those involved in food production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery.
- Those involved in the provision of other key goods (e.g. hygienic products and veterinary medicines).

Public and National Security

- Police and police support staff
- Ministry of Defence civilian, contractor and armed forces personnel
- Fire and rescue service employees (including support staff)
- National Crime Agency staff
- Those maintaining border security
- Prison and probation staff
- Other national security roles, including those overseas

Transport

- Those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger freight transport modes operating
- Those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass

Utilities, Communication and Financial Services

- Staff needed for essential financial services provision e.g. workers in banks, building societies, financial market infrastructure
- Staff needed in the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage)
- Staff needed in the information technology and data infrastructure sector
- Key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications e.g. 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.

It is imperative you complete the Google form fully, as we are required to have sufficient information to confirm, if necessary, whether or not your role falls within one of the above categories. In addition to this, you'll appreciate that we need this information with the utmost urgency in order to plan for next week and ensure appropriate staffing is in place. Consequently, we would be grateful if you could complete the form by noon tomorrow – Saturday 21.3.20.

Details for children of key workers that cannot stay at home

- The school will be providing free lunches for all key worker children; please indicate this on the Google form. There is no need to use ScoPay.
- Please use the Google form to indicate if you would like a place at Sunrise (7.30am start) or Sunset (6.00pm close). Usual charges apply.
- Both the East and West Gates will be open as usual. At the start of the school day YR and YN children will go to RV; Y1 and Y2 will go the Studio and Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 will go to the hall.
- The school day will close as normal and YN children will come out with YR at 3.00pm.
- We will be sending a Google form home each week (to qualifying key workers) so that we know which days you will need child care for.

Thank you for the kind words you have been sharing with our staff during this very difficult time.

Yours faithfully,

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