



St. George's School

A Church of England Academy

'Our vision is to be outstanding through the provision of consistent academic excellence within a caring, Christian community'
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Dear Parent/Carer

The Government have now published their guidance on key workers and other children for which school will remain open from next Monday. Details of this can be found on our webpage <https://www.cidarieducation.co.uk/covid>.

Many parents working in these key areas may be able to ensure their child is kept at home and every child who can be safely cared for at home should be. Could you please consider this as a last resort wherever possible as children coming to school increases the risk of infection spread and could result in you and staff having to self-isolate for 14 days, which would be counterproductive. So, for that reason we would ask that you allow your child to remain at home if you believe they are old enough (and sensible enough) to do so.

Please be aware that if your child does attend school they will not be following normal curriculum, pupils will be in mixed aged groups and will be supervised as they follow the "Home learning" package that has already been shared through our website.

If you believe you may be a key worker, please complete the online form today available here;

<https://forms.gle/2MCVhL7iKPQuX3gS8>

Please, therefore, follow these key principles:

- If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.
- If a child needs specialist support, is vulnerable or has a parent who is a critical worker, then educational provision will be available for them.
- Parents should not rely for childcare upon 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 children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults.
- Residential special schools, boarding schools and special settings continue to care for children wherever possible.
- If your work is critical to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors, and you cannot keep your child safe at home then your children will be prioritised for education provision.

If your children do not fall into one of the categories for which school is open, these will undoubtedly be worrying and challenging times. As a school we want to make sure that you, your child and family are supported as much as possible over the coming weeks. All our staff will be working for you, regardless of whatever long term decisions are made by Government regarding opening. Please be mindful that this offer is a last resort and should not be taken up unless there is absolutely no alternative.

If your child falls into the category of 'vulnerable children' then we will be contacting, you today to discuss arrangements.

I have attached a list of key questions and answers. If you have further queries, please do not hesitate to email the school on stgconsultation@cidari.co.uk

Even if schools fully close, we are still here for you, we are available, and we will be in contact with you and your child. Our Academy is a family and whilst we may not physically see each other for some time, you are in our hearts, minds and prayers. We will be in constant touch, but in the meantime take care, stay safe and look after each other.

Mr G Warnock

Headteacher