

19 March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Children of Key Workers and Vulnerable Children

Yesterday the Prime Minister announced that schools will close for all pupils (to approximately 90% of the school population) apart from the most vulnerable and children of key workers.

Throughout the last few weeks, we have followed the Government's guidance on how to respond to the Coronavirus and been active supporters of the strategy to combat the Coronavirus crisis.

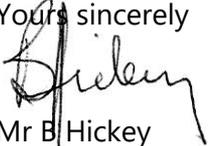
In order to support key workers (families where **all** adult carers meet the key worker criteria) and the contributions they can make to fighting the spread of the virus, we will be keeping the school open for their children. If you work in the following sectors, you are considered a key worker and you will be able to keep sending your child/children to their usual school, to enable you to continue to work.

Key Workers: (this list is subject to change and will be updated further by the Government today)

- Armed Forces Personnel
- Firefighters and other related staff in the Fire and Rescue Services
- Local Authority staff (Environmental Health Officers, Planning officers etc.)
- NHS Workers
- Police Officers, including Community Support Officers and some civilian staff
- Prison Service and Probation Service Staff
- Social Workers, Educational Psychologists and Therapists employed by Local Authorities or NHS
- Teachers and Nursery Nurses
- Delivery drivers
- Highways Agency Staff
- Ministry of Defence Staff

If parents/carers work in one of these sectors, please could you contact the school by emailing enquiries@st-thomasmore.derbyshire.sch.uk to confirm who works in which field of work, to confirm that there is no other adult family member who can support you in child care, and to register your child / children to continue to attend school. Please be aware that teachers will continue to work, to place activities for children to do at home. Based on the government information, we anticipate a limit of 50 school places to be available. Parents and carers of pupils described as vulnerable will receive a separate personalised letter and text. If places are not taken up, further letters may be issued inviting attendance in the coming days and weeks. Please feel free to contact school if you would like to discuss this extra provision.

Yours sincerely



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