

Friday 8th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Critical Key Worker Support in School

As stated in Government guidance, during this period of national lockdown, schools and colleges should only allow vulnerable children and the children of critical workers to attend and we are happy to do what we can to support you if you need to go to work to support the country's fight to tackle coronavirus.

The government has stated that schools have not suddenly become unsafe but limiting the number of children and students who attend them is essential to curb the escalating cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) throughout the country and prevent the NHS from being overwhelmed.

Schools are still working within the DFE guidance which advises primary schools to operate by focusing on specific year groups being educated in small 'bubbles' and following the systems of control and protective measures as detailed in the most recent risk assessment.

As has always been the case throughout the fight against COVID, the safety of our pupils and staff is our first priority and we feel that we have always done, and continue to do, everything possible to prevent the spread and reduce transmission between homes and families. The number of pupils currently attending school is concerning and we would ask you to be responsible and, if it is at all possible, to try and find an alternative that would be safer for yourself and your child.

Please also consider the following in line with government advice:

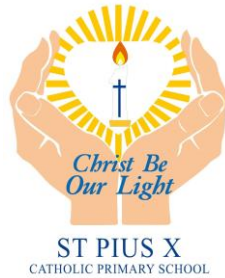
- Can you work from home?
- Can you find alternative times to work outside of the school day?
- Do you have other family members who are not in a vulnerable category and can care for your child which will support social distancing for children?
- Do you need childcare everyday? Only use the provision when you really need to.

Our risk assessments and procedures continue to be followed robustly and please be aware that our usual track and trace procedures that operate in the school will be in place. This means

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that there is a potential that should a child or staff member test positive – self isolation advice would need to be given to all positive contacts. This may mean some bubble closures.

Please can parents use the booking system form, which will be text to parents and available on our school website, to inform us what days your child will be in school the following week. This will need to be completed by Wednesday 12 noon. If a place is not booked via the online system your child will not be allocated a place.

Kind regards

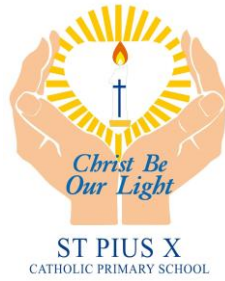
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