



Thursday 19 March 2020

Dear Parents

Coronavirus / COVID 19 measures – schooling for children of Key Workers
Parent response needed by 9am tomorrow, Friday 20 March

Exceptional measures were announced by the Prime Minister in yesterday's public briefing. These include huge changes in the functioning of our society, aimed at using 'social distancing' to suppress the spread of the coronavirus. Experts stress that most young people are at very low risk themselves to the virus, but that social distancing measures are necessary to reduce the wider risks. For schools this means that:

- schools in England shall 'close' from the end of the day tomorrow (Friday 20 March), until further notice, except for children of key workers and vulnerable students.
- GCSE and A-level exams, due to be sat in May/June, have been cancelled. We await further information as to how students will be graded, which we will share asap.

Planning for continuing to provide high-quality schooling for children of key workers and vulnerable students requires us to have clarity in school over who these students are. In the case of potentially vulnerable students (e.g. those with EHCPs, or an allocated social worker), staff from the Academy are making direct contact with parents and carers.

Key Workers – parent response if requiring child(ren)'s schooling, by 9am Friday 20 March please

The Government is yet to issue a clear list of 'key worker' roles, but they have said these will include:

- NHS employees; Police; those essential to maintaining food supply (e.g. supermarket staff, delivery drivers, commercial food producers).

Workers in other critical industries will almost certainly also be included e.g.

- utility providers (gas, electricity, water); waste disposal; social services.

Not all workers in these industries will require schooling for their children, in which case they are asked to contribute to 'social distancing' by making their own arrangements, for instance where there is another carer or friends/family who can look after children safely and effectively.

If you are a key-worker parent who needs to send your child(ren) to school, we would be pleased to accommodate this from Monday (23 March). Please respond to the questions overleaf by:

- emailing (to enquiries@christcollege.org.uk), or
- printing and completing the form and returning it to Reception, by 9am tomorrow, Friday 20 March. Paper copies will also be available at Reception.

If you are requesting schooling as a Key Worker parent, please send your child(ren) to school on Monday at 8:20am, in normal uniform etc. In the event that we were unable to continue provision for any reason, we would then of course discuss this with you.

We shall be keeping you informed of further matter as they develop. In the meantime, our students and the school community of families, staff and others are in our prayers that *especially* amongst this crisis (meaning also 'trial') we will know our Lord's good provision.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Roberts

Key Worker needing schooling provision for child(ren) – Questions

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1. Your forename and surname
2. Contact telephone number and email address
3. Names of your children at Christ's College, and their tutor groups, who need to continue to attend school
4. Your occupation and employer
5. Are you requesting full-week provision, or are you able to make partial arrangements for caring for your children?
 - a. Full-week provision? (state 'yes' or 'no')
 - b. If 'no', please describe dates / times / pattern of need.
6. Contact person during the school day in the event of an emergency at school
 - a. Their forename and surname
 - b. Relationship to your child(ren)
 - c. Phone number
7. Any other information

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