School Provision.

Dear Parents,

The DfE have now produced the key workers list. The full details can be found using the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision>

The advice is very clear that, wherever safe to do so, children should now stay at home to limit the chance of the COVID-19 virus spreading.

The government is asking parents to keep children at home. School will remain open whilst it can issue provision **only to those children who absolutely need to attend**.

St Peter’s will be open on Monday to children who meet the following criteria:

* Children who are identified as vulnerable children as per the DfE guidance.
* Children whose parents are key workers and **cannot** ensure their child is kept at home.

**VULNERABLE CHILDREN**

School will contact you today to offer your child a place at school whilst school is able to safely provide for your child. You **do not have** to send your child to school if you can safely provide for them at home. This decision will need to be made in conjunction with your social worker.

**CHILDREN OF KEY WORKERS**

The key worker categories are:

* Health and social care
* Education and childcare
* Key public services
* Local and national government
* Food and other necessary goods
* Public safety and national security
* Transport
* Utilities, communication and financial services

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Please use the above link to see if you fall into one of these categories as more information is provided there.

The guidance is that if you fall into one of these categories, but you **are able** to provide care for your child/children at home then you **should not** send your child/children into school.

If you believe that you fall into one of these categories and **do** need childcare at school for your child/children so that you can fulfil your role by attending a place of work (i.e. not your home) then please do the following before 2pm today:

* Email your child/children’s name(s) and year groups to:

stpetersprovision@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk

Please **do not** use the admin@ or head@ email addresses as these emails will not be checked regarding provision next week.

* Include details of your employment as a key worker i.e. which category you work for, who your employer is, what your role is.
* Include whether it is just yourself who is a key work or, if you have a partner, whether they are a key worker also.
* If your partner is also a key worker, please include details of their employment with the same detail.
* Briefly clarify why you can’t provide for your child/children in any other way.

In the event that school has high numbers of requests for a place which outstrip our changing resources, priority will be given to families where both primary carers are key workers. In the event of this, parents will need to provide evidence for this. How to do this will be outlined only if we need to.

In the event that our staffing cannot safely provide childcare, school will be forced to close to everyone and you will need to contact the local authority who will redirect you to a local school in the area that your child can attend.

**FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

Parents of children who are entitled to free school meals (this is not the same as the infant free school meal provision) will be contacted today to see if you require a meal for your child/children.

If you do require a meal you will be able to send your child/children into school between 12pm and 1pm to have their dinner. School will not be able to allow parents to stay during this time.

If you do not wish for your child to stay, but would still like a school meal we will be able to provide a packed lunch which you can collect at 12pm.

Please be aware, children may not get the meals that they have pre-ordered. We will do all that we reasonably can to ensure they have something that they enjoy to eat.

Please can I take this opportunity to express my thanks to you all for your understanding at this very difficult time and your patience in waiting for information. I am passing on information as soon as I receive it. Can I also thank all our amazing staff who are going the extra mile to provide for our children.

God bless,

Mr Gould