



# ST. ANDREW'S CE (VA) JUNIOR SCHOOL

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## SCHOOL CLOSURE UPDATE

Dear Parents/ Carers,

As a school we are being asked by the government to continue to provide care **for a limited number of children** - children who are vulnerable and children whose parents are critical to the Covid-19 response and **cannot be safely cared for at home**.

The full list of those classed as key workers can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

The most recent scientific advice on how to further limit the spread of COVID-19 is clear. **If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.**

**That is why the government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend.**

It is important to underline that schools, colleges and other educational establishments remain safe places for children. **However, the fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society.**

**With this in mind I would ask that you consider carefully whether you fit the criteria as a key worker and also whether or not you will need to send your child into school as of next week.**

To help us plan for the children who we will need to provide childcare for please contact school today to tell us if you think that you are eligible for one of these emergency places. We will then contact you to confirm whether or not your child can attend school as of Monday for childcare.

I appreciate that these are difficult times and I am very grateful for your continued understanding and support.

**Mrs K Smith**  
Headteacher