

## SS Peter & Paul RC Primary School

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Dear Parents/ Carers and Children,

**A belated Happy New Year to you all! I hope you are all well. It has been lovely to be back at school, both physically and virtually!**

I want to start by saying a huge thank you to our whole school community. Well done children for working so hard and showing fantastic enthusiasm for your learning. Thank you parents for supporting your children with their learning; I think you are doing a fantastic job. Thank you also for your kind comments on the yard and online. Our whole staff team have worked extremely hard to get our remote and blended learning up and running- I am very proud of them all!

Following government guidance school is open to vulnerable children and the children of critical workers. However there was a change in guidance at the end of last week, please find the Government's latest advice regarding Critical Workers children accessing school provision. This can be found on the following link:

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

It includes the following sentence: Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and EU transition response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors. Children with at least one parent or carer who is a critical worker can go to school or college if required, **but parents and carers should keep their children at home if they can.**

Obviously school is open to children who need to attend, but please think carefully about if you need this provision. You may also want to think about whether you need your child in school, full-time or part time. Parents who are on rotas may only need a part time provision and this can easily be arranged and we can work with you around this. Please call school if you have any questions or concerns.

Although it doesn't feel like it now, this pandemic will pass. It won't last forever. And one day, hopefully soon, we will be looking back on it, not living through it. We have a fantastic school community at SS Peter & Paul and we will get through this together. Thank you for working with us, your positive words of praise mean a lot, your suggestions for improvement we will listen to.

Take care,

Mrs Butt

Head teacher