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Dear Parent or Carer,

School Closure from Friday 20th March 2020

In line with the recent Government announcements, all schools will be closing from the end of the school day on Friday 20th March.

Also in line with the Government expectations, children of key workers and vulnerable pupils will be able to attend an educational setting. In order to allow us to plan suitable provision for these children, St Erth Primary School, will be closed to all pupils on Monday 23rd March.

We are expecting to have provision in place for the children of key workers and vulnerable pupils from Tuesday 24th March.

Note: Regarding key workers, many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. And every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.

We will be applying the Government guidance on the definition of Key Worker roles. Which are attached to this letter

Today and Monday we will be contacting you to establish your child's eligibility for this service. If eligible, you will be contacted individually with the details of the provision for your child/children by 5pm Monday but we will try to get this information to you as early as possible.

We will use the schools text system, Seesaw and the school website to keep you updated on this evolving situation.

All parents/carers, please be aware that if we do not contact you by Monday next week, then your children will be expected to stay at home in your care.

Please also note that home learning support will cease during the Easter Holiday period Monday 30th March – Tuesday 14th April. Teachers will be uploading and responding to children's work during term time.

Thank you for your support and understanding at this challenging time.

Yours faithfully,

Dr J Blunden OBE

Chief Executive

Truro and Penwith Academy Trust

Bill Coleman

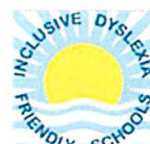
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If your work is critical to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors listed below, and you cannot keep your child safe at home then your children will be prioritised for education provision:



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Health and social care

This includes but is not limited to doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

Education and childcare

This includes nursery and teaching staff, social workers and those specialist education professionals who must remain active during the COVID-19 response to deliver this approach.

Key public services

This includes those essential to the running of the justice system, religious staff, charities and workers delivering key frontline services, those responsible for the management of the deceased, and journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting.

Local and national government

This only includes those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the COVID-19 response or delivering essential public services such as the payment of benefits, including in government agencies and arms length bodies.

Food and other necessary goods

This includes those involved in food production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines).

Public safety and national security

This includes police and support staff, Ministry of Defence civilians, contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the COVID-19 pandemic), fire and rescue service employees (including support staff), National Crime Agency staff, those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas.

Transport

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the COVID-19 response, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass.

Utilities, communication and financial services

This includes staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure), the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage), information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the COVID-19 response, as well as key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services), postal services and delivery, payments providers and waste disposal sectors.