



St Peter and St Paul Catholic Primary Academy

*Promoting high quality education, love, care and forgiveness of others
as taught to us by Jesus and our Patron Saints.*

Principal: Mrs J Seymour

30th December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

This evening, 30th December 2020, the Government announced that in order to contain the community transmission of Coronavirus (COVID -19), Primary schools and academies in the London Borough of Bromley are to offer on-site education to only pupils who are children of critical (key) workers and those defined as vulnerable. Remote learning will be in place for all other pupils. The Government guidance is that children are to stay at home and receive remote education unless they fall in the above two groups. This position will be reviewed on the 18th January 2021.

Key Worker Identification

The community transmission of COVID -19 is currently very high in Bromley and it is important that we all make sure we play our part in ensuring the National Health Service is not overwhelmed and our Academy community remains well. Keeping your child at home, if at all possible, is crucial at this time.

It is very important to note that if children can stay at home safely, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading. This is why the Government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible.

We will be remaining open only for those children **who absolutely need to attend**. This is the key principle:

- **If it is at all possible for children to be at home they should be.**

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/children safely at home then your child/children will be prioritised for education provision. **This will be dependent on the availability of education staff to provide a safe environment.**

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.

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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.

If workers think they fall within the critical categories above they should confirm with their employer that, based on their business continuity arrangements, their specific role is necessary for the continuation of this essential public service.

As an Academy it will be necessary for us to ask you to provide identification of your role in order to ensure we are meeting with the Government guidelines. Please complete the information in the following link to identify yourself as a Key Worker: [\[Link\]](#) . We will contact you as soon as possible to confirm you meet the criteria and the service we are able to provide.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joanna Seymour". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Joanna Seymour
Principal