



ST. PAUL'S PEEL C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Stocksfield Drive, Little Hulton, Salford, M38 9RB
Tel: 0161 790 2327

Headteacher: Miss Barker

Friday 20th March 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

Important information regarding student attendance - from Monday 23 March 2020

Firstly, thank you for the very supportive approach that you have taken during these exceptionally challenging times. We all need to do what we can to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus. That is why the government has given clear guidance on [self-isolation](#), [household isolation](#) and [social distancing](#). The most recent scientific advice on how to further limit the spread of COVID-19 is clear.

If children can now stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.

It is important to underline that schools and colleges remain safe places for children. But 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 our society.

Whilst we are formally closed from Monday 23 March onwards, we will continue to support your child, both academically and pastorally and our school remains at the heart of our community.

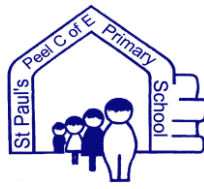
Special opening from Monday 23 March for the children of key workers and those entitled to specialist support Key workers

At midnight, the government published a list of those parent / carers who are entitled to send their child to school. The link below provides specific details.

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

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The list includes the following; Health and Social care, education and childcare, key public services, local and national government, food and other necessary goods, public safety and security, transport, utilities, communication and financial services.

We are grateful to all of these key workers who are looking after us all and keeping our essential services going. In return, our superb staff team are also going to 'step up to the plate' and provide a reduced provision for your child / children. It is critical to note, however, that this provision should only be taken up if there are no other alternatives (see guidance).

The government has asked parents/carers to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and for schools to remain open only for children who absolutely need to attend.

At present this reduced provision will take place at St Paul's Peel CE Primary School and will be provided by a reduced staff at school. In the event that this provision is required more long term, and due to staff shortage we are unable to offer this at our school, the Government has said '*local authorities will work with the Department for Education's regional teams to ensure an alternative option is available*'.

If you have not already done so and you need to take up this reduced provision, please contact us by 3.30pm on FRIDAY 20th MARCH, with proof of Key Worker Employment.

As places are limited for pupils attending from Monday 23rd March and there are implications for staffing and operational factors in school, regular attendance will be required however parents are requested to telephone school if their child is unwell or the family is self-isolating. Pupils must wear full school uniform.

Specialist Support Provision

Those children with safeguarding and welfare needs, including those children on child in need plans, on child protection plans, 'looked after' children, young carers, disabled children and those with Education Health and Care plans are also able to attend school.

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Free School Meals

Citywide is committed to working with school to keep our kitchen open to provide lunch for the children in school and 'grab bags' for those eligible for Free School Meals, that require a meal whilst they are not in school. Parents should collect these from school, unless they are self-isolating, in which case an adult who is not self-isolating will need to come to collect these on your behalf. Collection is from 11.30 am to 11.50 am from the main gate.

If your child will be accessing the reduced provision at school and they usually pay for a meal, payment is to be made in the same way, or if you may wish to provide your child with a packed lunch. If you usually provide a packed lunch you can send a lunch in each day or pay for a school meal at the usual cost of £10.50. (A hot meal will not be available on Monday 23rd March, to give us time to plan for the number of pupils who wish to take up this offer; sandwiches will be provided instead on this day).

St Paul's Peel CE Primary School will be closed to the majority of students but we are in no way closed in terms of our ongoing care, support and kindness.

If any family needs to contact us we can be reached on 790 2327.

With Best Wishes,

Miss Barker
Headteacher

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