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Dear Parents and Carers,

Guidance for schools remaining open from next week was posted in the early hours this morning. This guidance can be seen [HERE](#).

The guidance is clear: **“If children can stay safely at home, they should.”** This means that if one parent is not in a ‘key role’ this should be taken into consideration. My view, as your headteacher and based on the guidance, is that **all parents should endeavour to keep their children at home safely. The fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread across St Peter's and Hixon and the wider Staffordshire community.** Outside of school parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way that can continue to spread the virus.

If your work is critical to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors, our school staff are committed to providing childcare whilst you are at work. We will be opening for school hours from 9:00am to 3.30pm.

The Government have made it clear this week that this is no longer education but ‘Emergency Childcare’ and, although this is not the norm for us, we will not be providing normal schooling during these hours.

In summary, the scientific guidance is clear: the fewer children we have in school each day the greater chance we have of limiting the chance of the virus spreading.

These are testing times and it is our civic and moral duty to keep our community safe whilst at the same time keeping our critical services operating.

Please consider the following information carefully and let us know if you feel your child requires a place. Please either phone the information through or email (**NOT** Class DoJo) to:

headteacher@st-peters-hixon.staffs.sch.uk



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We will require the following information:

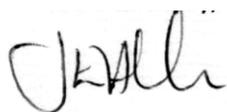
- **Child's name:**
- **Parent 1 profession*:**
- **Parent 2 profession*:**
- **Vulnerable pupil category:**
- **Days you will require childcare if part-time working:**

*Evidence may be required from your employer that your specific role is necessary for the continuation of your particular essential public service.

We will aim to contact you before the end of the day to let you know the details of our offer and if your child will be allocated a place. Hopefully, this will be on Monday but, if not, as early as possible next week.

Unfortunately, provision will not be able to be accessed on an ad hoc basis and without an invitation from the school.

Yours sincerely,



Headteacher

