

# ALL SAINTS' CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## *Loving to learn, learning to love*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Since Monday lots of things have changed and I thought it might be helpful to give you an update on the latest arrangements for schools.

The Local Authority have asked me to remind parents that this is a **national lockdown** and the government have made it clear that people **should stay at home**. The provision for children to attend school is offered to those parents who are critical workers or meet another critical criteria who are unable to work from home and/or unable to make other arrangements for their children **so have no alternative but to attend school**. If numbers of applicants for this offer are too high, the Local Authority have asked me to prioritise the provision for the children of parents who work in health and social care, education and childcare and for children who have an Education, Health and Care Plan and/or who were or have been in the care system.

This provision may be different to that offered by other schools, but is planned in accordance with the staff we have available to facilitate and administrate in school during this lockdown together with the government's directive about continuity in learning provision. All the measures that have been in place to reduce the risk of transmission of Covid-19 will remain in place in this provision. These will be added to/updated if and when government guidance changes. The number of children we can take in each bubble will depend on the age and needs of the children. We may need to prioritise applications if numbers exceed the maximum.

The children will remain in separate year group bubbles throughout the day, and each bubble will use a different play space for outdoor play so that they don't come together. The school kitchen will continue to run through lockdown providing hot meals each day. The menu will not be published or guaranteed as there may be issues with food supplies, but a vegetarian/Halal option will be available each day. Children in all year groups will be given a FREE hot school meal if requested. However children may bring their own packed lunch if parents choose to provide this.

If a child becomes ill at school, we will follow the same protocols as have been in place throughout the autumn term and ask parents to arrange for their child to be collected as soon as possible from school. If the child has any of the [symptoms listed by the World Health Organisation](#) for Covid-19 we will ask the parent to arrange a test and for their household to self-isolate. We are using the same list of symptoms for staff. If a positive test result is returned for any child or member of staff working within any one of the bubbles that bubble will close and the children will need to self-isolate. If they subsequently get symptoms they will need to be tested and their household will need to self-isolate. Please keep us informed if your child gets any of the symptoms listed when they are not in school using the [covid@allsaints.peterborough.sch.uk](mailto:covid@allsaints.peterborough.sch.uk) email address.

For now, please continue to follow the Government and Public Health England advice and use this opportunity to do all you can to slow the spread of this awful virus. Stay at home, avoid public places, if you are unwell do not leave your house – even to get groceries - and remain meticulous in your hand washing. I wish you all good health.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

R. Hutchinson (Head teacher)

