



**St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School,  
A Voluntary Academy**

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**Dear parents and Carers,**

As you are aware our school has been running for the last two weeks with very limited staff as the majority have been self-isolating. I would like to say a huge thank you to the staff who have continued to enable us to keep the school going for the past two weeks and for all the additional duties they have undertaken in this time to enable all classes to remain in school. It has been an absolute miracle we have managed to stay open and their commitment and dedication to your children, to the school and community has been amazing.

We are all shocked that it has come to this and that all schools will shut today. We wish all our families and our pupils the very best over the next coming months.

School will shut today until further notice. The school office will be officially closed and emails will be not answered until school opens, whenever that may be. Any updates will be on the school website and of course the staff will continue to set work if school is closed longer than we anticipate. Currently all pupils have been sent home with work for the next two weeks and lots of suggestions of websites which will have updated work for all year groups and suggestions of activities for the children to do at home. The school pays for all pupils to use Matheletics and Timestables Rockstars, so please ensure your child uses these daily.

**Key Worker List**

The list of 'key workers' was released at around midnight last night by the government, it is far longer than any of the schools anticipated and, whilst I promised to share our response with you as soon as we could, it has taken a few hours for us to adapt our plans and consider what is workable and, equally importantly, sustainable. **In light of this we will initially be prioritising childcare places where both parents or where a single parent household have professions on the key worker list.** If we find that there is further capacity, then we will look to extend the offer to families that have one key worker.

The government have closed all schools as **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 wider society.**

Parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults.

The government anticipate that only 10% of pupils will need to access the provision, therefore if your work is critical to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors **and you cannot keep your child safe at home then your children** will be prioritised for education provision. This is a very different type of provision than schools usually provide for these pupils.

- It will be about care, not education.
- All expectations regarding educational provision have been lifted.
- Children will not bring reading books and organisers, reading books will not be changed.
- Children will not be with their class teachers/assistants.
- The children will be cared for in mixed aged groups.
- It will be a skeleton staff – including outside supply agencies
- The work set by teachers to complete at home will not be completed during this time, as this is about care and not education.

Parents of children who need specialist support or are vulnerable have already been contacted and therefore do not need to reply.

Parents need to inform the school if they believe they meet the key worker criteria (which is on our website) and would like their child to be considered for a place in the reduced provision. Please copy and send the below information in an email to [admin@st-teresas.nottingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-teresas.nottingham.sch.uk), by 2pm today.

We hope to inform you on Monday if your child is entitled to a place in the reduced provision, and we hope to start the provision on Tuesday if we have enough staff.

Name of Child(ren):

**Parent 1**

Which field you work in:

Name of the department you work in:

Your specific job title:

Are you full or part time (please indicate below):

Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		

**Parent 2**

Which field you work in:

Name of the department you work in:

Your specific job title:

Are you full or part time (please indicate below):

<b>Day</b>	<b>Morning</b>	<b>Afternoon</b>
<b>Monday</b>		
<b>Tuesday</b>		
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<b>Thursday</b>		
<b>Friday</b>		

Thank you for your ongoing support in these unprecedented times, our priority is keeping all members of our community safe by following the government guidelines and where possible staying at home. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all and your extended families. All updates will be on the school website.

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Glynne-Jones