

Dear Parents/Carers

Government guidance has now been received, outlining that the vast majority of children should not be in school as of Monday 23rd March 2020 and that schools will only be open for “those children who absolutely need to attend.” The guidance states: “If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.”

Only vulnerable pupils in the following categories will be able to attend school and again only in circumstances where it will not be safe for them to be at home:

- 1) With Child Protection Plan in place;
- 2) Child in Need with current plan in place;
- 3) Looked After Child;
- 4) Child with Education Health and Care Plan;
- 5) Disabled;
- 6) Young Carer;

Children of parents/carers who have been identified as critical/key workers AND who cannot be kept at home (ie looked after by partner of key worker) will be able to send children to school in order to allow them to carry out essential work or public duties. The government’s list of critical/key workers can be found using the link below:

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

All parents/carers who think their children will need to attend school should email Alan BRANNEN on head@st-lawrenceprimary.co.uk as he has volunteered to undertake this task today.

Thank you for your help. Stay safe.

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