# St Mary's Church of England Primary School Nurturing Creative Thinkers



#### **Dear Parents**

We have received updated information from the Local Authority today. Following excessive demand from the recently sent survey monkey, it will not be possible to apply the 'hub' model immediately. As a result, schools are being asked to offer provision locally until the hub model can be initiated.

In response to this we have begun to prepare for our provision. We would like to ensure we do not close for children of key workers. Unfortunately, we do have limited staff provision, and therefore we cannot provide the hoped service for all key workers as we will be overwhelmed and unable to provide any service.

#### What will we be able to offer?

It is our intention to provide provision for children of key workers from Tuesday to Friday next week. We will meet together on Monday to plan and organise our staff.

The government has asked parents to keep their children at home wherever possible, to comply with social distancing. Schools will remain open only for those children who **absolutely** need to attend.

We have made the decision that we will prioritise families with two key workers, or single parents who are key workers. We know this slightly differs from the Government advice, but we hope this will enable us to cope.

As a result, we are asking parents in the above-mentioned category to complete our own survey monkey. The results will be reviewed over the weekend. I am sorry to ask you to do this again but this will enable us to respond in the speediest way. The link is below:

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TMCYMXD

#### What will our provision look like?

We will offer 8:30am – 3:15pm with breakfast and school dinner provided from Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

Children offered a place will be able to come into school in non-uniform, expecting to be active in the outdoors for some of the day.

We will decide about provision after Friday, later next week.

## When will people find out if we can look after their children?

We will hopefully inform parents on Monday morning. This will give us a realistic amount of time to process the request list and verify information.

### How will you find out?

We will use a direct email via Scholarpack to inform you if we can provide child care provision next week.

I know this decision may result in parents feeling frustrated. I apologise in anticipation of this. The important information is that children **should stay at home**. The plan in place is as a result of the recent information from the LA and our capacity to staff the school at the present time. Any provision will be reviewed on a daily basis.

We know this is a hugely challenging time for all of us. Please keep safe and continue to be kind and mindful of our community.

Many thanks

Brian Jones Headteacher