



# OAKLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carer,

As you are undoubtedly aware, the Prime Minister and Secretary of Education have announced significant changes to how school will operate starting on Monday 23rd March 2020.

Schools from this point will only be open for their vulnerable students (those with social workers and/or EHCPs) and for their students who are the children of "Critical Workers".

The list of occupations that fall under the "Critical Workers" category has been [published by the Cabinet Office](#).

The most recent scientific advice on how to further limit the spread of COVID-19 is clear. **If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.** That is why the government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked **schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend.** Therefore, while we will provide an 'educational' setting for your children, if you are able to make other arrangements, please do so. There is no criteria to say that is has to be one or two parents, **however, if one parent is able to stay at home and look after the children this is strongly advisable.**

If you feel you are in an occupation that falls under the "Critical Worker" category, we must request that you email the school ([adminoffice@oakley-jun.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@oakley-jun.hants.sch.uk)) with the following information:

- Your name
- Email address
- Contact number during working hours
- Name(s) of child/ren at the school
- What category your key worker role comes under
- Job title
- Employer

**Please email this information before you send your child to school.**

**Children should come to school in non-uniform along with a warm coat and PE kit. Children should also bring a packed lunch with a water bottle. (Please remember no nuts).**

While it is our intention to provide this provision for all students outlined above, in these challenging times it may not always be possible for the school to make this provision. If these difficult situations arise, then alternative solutions will be reviewed which may include relocation of provision (locally).

Please be assured that the information you provide will only be used for the reasons stated above and for the duration of the change in school provision (as directed by Government).

We thank you for your support during these challenging times and will be providing regular updates as more information becomes available.

Steve Rich  
Headteacher