

# St Monica's R.C. High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

This morning the list of key workers whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response was published. Please click on the following link to access the full list:

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

Many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home and every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.

We are all asked to follow these key principles:

1. If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.
2. If a child needs specialist support, is vulnerable or has a parent who is a critical worker, then educational provision will be available for them.
3. Parents should not rely for childcare upon those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category such as grandparents, friends, or family members with underlying conditions.
4. 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.

We are able to provide a level of key worker provision in school. If you are intending to use this provision, we would be grateful if you could notify us by 12 noon of the previous working day. Please send an email to [keyworker@stmonicas.co.uk](mailto:keyworker@stmonicas.co.uk) stating your child's name and a brief outline of your key worker roll for our records.

Yours faithfully

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