



St Antony's Catholic Primary School



Important Information Regarding School Closure

From Monday 23rd March, 2020 -St Antony's will be closed to all - excepting children of Critical Key Workers and the Vulnerable until further notice from the Government/ Local Authority.

We have put support in place at our school for children of **Critical Key Workers and the Most Vulnerable** whose parents were contacted by the school. They will be supported by the school until the London Borough of Newham has established the hubs or clusters to further support these groups or the COVID-19 support need ends. **Keep checking LBN Website.**

Who are Critical Key Workers?

Doctors, Nurses, Police, Fire Fighters, Ambulance & Emergency workers etc. who are on the front line in the fight against COVID-19.

*However, even if you belong to this group of CRITICAL KEY WORKERS **but you or your partner is off work and at home** you are asked to keep your child/children at home with you as this is the safest action for all.

If your child falls under the heading of **'vulnerable child'** and has a social worker, **get in touch with your Social Worker** for advice and guidance if needed. If necessary, they will assess your situation and work with you to agree the best option(s) for your child. They should also have information regarding support systems that are being put in place by the Local Authority (London Borough of Newham/ Council) to address/ support needs raised.

If you're finding it challenging at home with your child and are struggling to cope, call [Family Lives](#) for free, confidential advice on : **0808 800 2222**

Our staff are also Key Workers needing support and safeguarding

While we are trying to ensure that we are safeguarding our most vulnerable pupils and supporting our parents who are 'critical key workers' we cannot forget that as a school **we also have a duty of care for our staff.**

We are therefore trying to balance catering to the welfare of our children and parents as well as for our staff on the ground- which is difficult in these serious times of challenge. **Keeping your children at home is best** at this time as they will not be exposed to anyone outside who may have COVID-19.

Emergency Contacts: 111: NHS 999:Emergency 101: Police

If there is **an emergency** (a pupil or parent falling ill with COVID-19 or in need of crucial advice/help) please contact the following staff for support:

Miss Baptiste : Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) & SENCO on: 07402198193 if your child is in Years 3, 4, 5 or 6 or is on our SEND or FSM Register. Or **Mrs White: Deputy DSL & EYFS Lead on: 07402203937** if your child is in Viridis, Nursery, Reception, Yr. 1 or 2 and on FSM/SEND list. Vouchers for pupils officially registered FSM are being sorted by the school and parents who qualify for this support will be contacted by the Head.