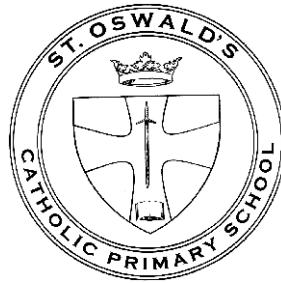




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## ST. OSWALD'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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RE Emergency Key Workers' Hub.

21/03/20

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly may I thank you for the calm way in which you have all reacted to difficult news over the last week. Communication has not always been as quick as it might be but we have been working really hard liaising with the LA to make sure the information we pass to you is correct. Some has been coming out as late as Friday at 6pm.

School is now closed and will not reopen until further notice. The St Oswald's buildings have been identified as a safe Hub for emergency childcare for front line key workers. Children from other schools will be arriving to access this safe space as well as some of our own.

**I urge all of you to try and be as inventive as possible with your child care arrangements, ONLY those children whose parents have no other option should access the hub.** Having lots of children together is not ideal and also has risk associated with it. The Hub will not operate as a school, it is not about learning it is essential child care, the staff from Broadgreen Primary, Northway Primary and St Oswald's will be working to ensure the children are occupied and supervised. Your child may not be with their own familiar staff and may be in different parts of the building. The situation will be reviewed daily and I will keep you updated as we work through this crisis.

<https://liverpool.gov.uk/childcarehubs>

Please check the criteria carefully to ensure that you qualify as a key worker. **If you have an adult at home even if you are a key worker your child must stay at home.**

If you qualify for a place in a hub we are open on Monday 23rd March from 9am to 4pm prompt.

If you are planning to bring your child/ren to us please understand and be prepared for the following:

- when you arrive at school for the first time you will be required to complete a registration form which includes contact details, emergency contacts, medical info, allergies, dietary info, SEND needs etc. If your child currently attends St Oswald's you will still be required to complete a form. **BE AWARE THIS COULD TAKE TIME ON MONDAY.**

- Your child needs to come in their own clothes with suitable coats to go outside.
- Children are not permitted to bring any electronic equipment or mobile phones.
- On Monday 23rd all children who attend will get a free hot meal. Following this parents can pay for a hot lunch; information to follow from the Hub.
- Your child will be in a childcare environment, they will be playing games, doing craft activities, being outside etc. This is not an educational environment.

- Your child needs to follow and respond to the Hub's behaviour guidance; as it would be in the school they are currently enrolled in. The setting has the right to refuse entry to any child who does not follow the expectations of the Hub.
- Parents will be asked to wait in designated collection areas when dropping off and collecting from the Hub to ensure the health of the staff.
- Any child who is unwell will be sent home as quickly as possible.

WE HAVE A SET NUMBER OF CHILDREN WE CAN ACCEPT ON A DAILY BASIS. IF WE ARE FULL YOU WILL BE DIRECTED TO THE NEAREST LOCAL HUB SCHOOL.

We will be receiving an update from the Local Authority on a daily basis in response to local and national guidance. This will be updated on OUR WEBSITE

There are 50 HUBS across the City, you can use the one which is best for you.

Below are links to national guidance and advice:

Closure of educational setting guidance for parents <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

You can follow Liverpool's response to the Coronavirus on Twitter <https://twitter.com/COVIDLiverpool> and Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/COVIDLiverpool/>

Liverpool City Council website updates <https://www.liverpool.gov.uk/communities-and-safety/emergency-planning/coronavirus/>

Support for families who are entitled to free school meals <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/plans-set-out-to-support-pupils-eligible-for-free-school-meals>

If you feel unwell you are encouraged you use the following NHS website rather than ringing 111 straight away <http://111.nhs.uk/covid-19>

I am not anticipating problems but please be aware that we will not accept any unacceptable behaviour from any Parents or Carers. This is a national crisis and we have been requested to respond to this; remember we are all in this together!

Thanking you in anticipation

Yours sincerely

Mrs M Walsh

Headteacher