



St Ralph  
Sherwin

Catholic Multi Academy Trust

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Dear Parents & Carers

We understand this is a difficult time for everyone at the moment with the current lockdown restrictions in place. We would like to thank you for the support you are showing our schools, which have reacted quickly to set up high-quality home learning. We are extremely proud of how our staff have handled this ever-changing situation.

During this lockdown period, we are seeing significantly higher numbers of children attending our schools. Last week the Government updated its guidance on this matter to say that 'children with at least one parent or carer who is a critical worker can go to school if required, **but parents and carers should keep their children at home if they can**'.

The link to the guidance is here:

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

As a Trust we would like to reiterate this important guidance: if you are a critical worker and are in a position to be able to keep your child/children at home to access home learning, that really is the best way to keep everyone safe. This includes our staff and their families, our pupils and their relatives at home.

Please inform your child's school if you no longer require a place for them.

Thank you again for your ongoing support and understanding, and please stay safe.

Yours sincerely

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