

Tudor Grange Samworth Academy

A Church of England School



Tuesday 5th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following yesterday's government announcement school is now closed to the majority of children and learning will move online. I am sorry for the lateness of this notification and the disruption it will have caused for many of you, I know the children will have been looking forward to coming back to school. Details of our online learning provision will be sent to your later today.

From tomorrow, school will be open to children of key workers and certain vulnerable groups of children. The government has announced the groups that can be classed as key workers and the link to this information can be found here:

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

We must apply the criteria strictly: under the government guidelines 'key workers' are those that are *critical* to the COVID-19 response. Some parents may be able to ensure that their child is kept at home because their partner or other household adults do not work in a 'critical' occupation. Every child who can safely be cared for at home should be as we need to limit the number of children and staff in school to prevent transmission of the virus and keep everyone as safe as we can.

If parents think they are a critical key worker, they should confirm with their employer that their specific role is necessary for the continuation of essential public service.

So we can plan for the provision of key worker children in school alongside teaching remotely to children at home we need parents to email the school office office@samworth.tgacademy.org.uk.

Please consider the government guidance very carefully and inform the school by 12.30pm today – Tuesday 5th January 2021.

We know that this is a difficult time for you as it is for school. We know that many of you are worried and as a school we are here to support you. These are challenging times and we have already shown our strength by working together. It needs all of us now to do all we can to fight the virus and ensure we can return to school as one community as soon as is safely possible.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

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