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Dear Parents,

We have now received further guidance from the government regarding who we remain open for as of Monday. The following is taken directly from the guidance. It states:

‘If children can stay safely at home, **they should**, to limit the chance of the virus spreading’

‘...schools to remain open only for those children who **absolutely need** to attend... the fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society.

Schools are, therefore, being asked to continue to provide care for a **limited number** of children - children who are vulnerable and children whose parents are critical to the Covid-19 response and cannot be safely cared for at home.

If it is at all possible for children to be at home, **then they should be**.

If your work is critical to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors listed below, and you cannot keep your child safe at home then your children will be prioritised for education provision. ‘

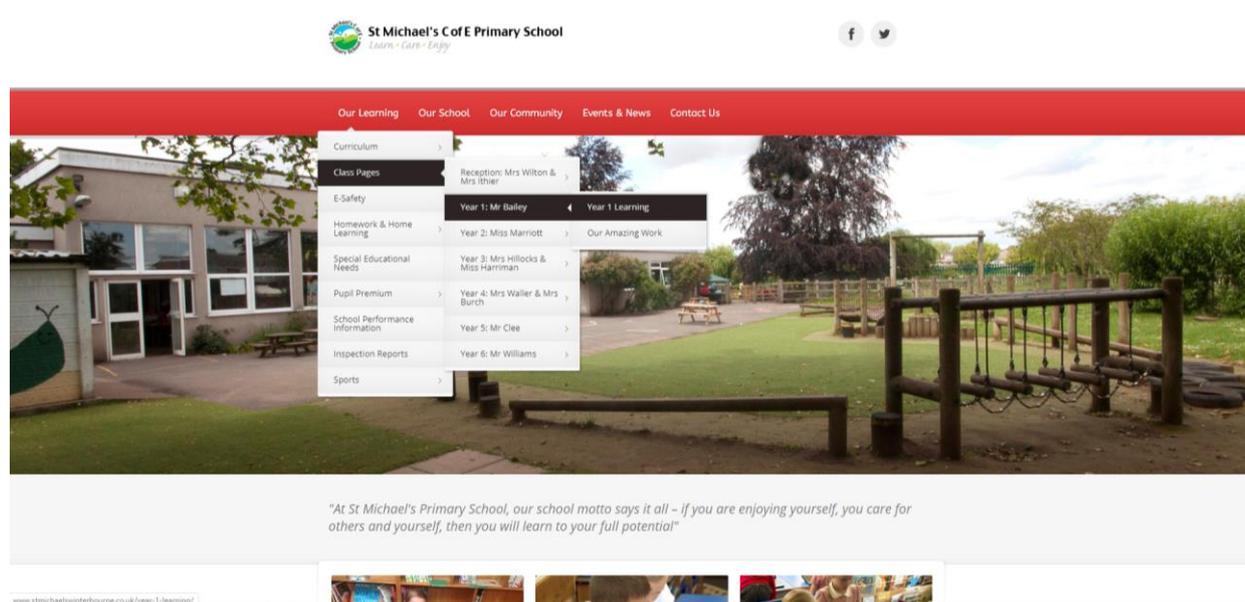
[Click here](#) to read the list of critical sectors.

As per my letter yesterday would you please email the office as soon as possible, office@stmichaelswinterbourne.co.uk and definitely by 3:30pm today, if you **absolutely need** your child to attend next week with the following information in order that I can make plans for staffing:

- Your child’s first name & surname
- Class
- Which days they need to be in school
- Explicit reasons why your child needs to be in school (related to the criteria above)
- A requirement yes or no for breakfast club
- A requirement yes or no for the Greenfield Centre after-school club

If you responded to my request yesterday, and wish to change your decision due to the updated government guidance that states that 'if they can safely stay at home they should' then please inform the office by email.

Work for the children at home is being uploaded to the school website. Each class has their own area for learning which, for now, will be updated weekly.



I am sure that I will be in touch again soon – take care everyone, stay safe!

Yours sincerely,

Kirsty Robson