



Dear Parents / Carers

Following on from yesterday's government announcement, St. Stephen's School will only open next week, on January 5th, for those children of critical workers. All other children will receive home learning as in previous school closures - details of this will follow.

We are now seeking to ensure that we have adequate staffing for our critical worker children. We hope that the school closure will be for a very short period and therefore, if you are able to find alternative childcare, we would appreciate that you explore these options and only use critical worker school as a last resort. By doing this, we hope that our numbers will be kept to a minimum to ensure the protection and safety of all our children and staff.

Please click here to access the latest most up to date [list of roles](#) that qualify as critical workers.

If you qualify and you have no alternative childcare, please click [here](#) to indicate whether you require a place during next week - w/c January 5th.

Please note that you are able to book on individual full days or mornings or afternoons. You will also be asked to indicate whether you require a school lunch on these days, or whether you will be providing a packed lunch from home.

In order to facilitate critical worker school next week, please fill this form in by 7.00pm today (Thursday December 31st) for each child who will be attending. If you do not complete this form by 7.00pm today, the form will close and there is a high possibility that we may not be able to provide your child with a place as we may not be able to guarantee staffing levels.

A link for bookings for w/c January 11th will be sent out at a later date.

Many thanks for all the support we are receiving from parents and our community.

Best wishes,

St. Stephen's School