



20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

## INFORMATION ABOUT COLLEGE PROVISION FOR STUDENTS WHOSE PARENTS ARE IDENTIFIED AS KEY WORKERS

As a country, we all need to do what we can to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus. That is why the government has given clear guidance on self-isolation, household isolation and social distancing. The most recent scientific advice on how to further limit the spread of COVID-19 is clear:

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

The government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked 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.** The jobs of parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 are outlined below.

**However, many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.**

If 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.

Please contact Mrs Ferguson PA to the Principal via telephone or email [contact@stmichaelscollege.org.uk](mailto:contact@stmichaelscollege.org.uk) **by 12pm today** if you haven't done so already to inform us that you are a key worker and require educational provision for child.

**We will require the place and address of your workplace so that we can confirm details of your employment.**

### **Key Worker Categories**

**Health Care:** Staff working in the NHS, pharmacists, social workers, carers and producers of medical equipment.

**Education and childcare:** Nursery and teaching staff

**Key public services:** Those working in the justice system, religious staff, undertakers, public service broadcasters

**Local and national government:** Those who work in government agencies

**Food and other necessary goods:** Food delivery drivers and those working in the food supply industry.

**Public safety and national security:** Police, Emergency services, Armed Forces, MOD civilians, Prison staff and staff working for the national crime agency.

**Transport:** Tube, Bus and train drivers, freight and delivery drivers.

**Utilities, communication and other services:** Utilities workers/engineers, Postal service, key personnel in the nuclear, chemical and telecommunications sector (your employer will tell you if your job is essential to their business continuity plan)

If you have informed the college that you work in one of these sectors and cannot keep your child safe at home you will be contacted by the college with details of the arrangements for the education provision starting on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.