



# ST JOHN'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers,

In line with the Government announcement on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020, St John's First School will be closing on Friday afternoon until further notice. Twilight will operate as usual on Friday afternoon.

The Government has specified that schools should make provision for the following categories during any closures;

- The children of key workers
- Vulnerable children

As yet, there has been a distinct lack of clarity as to what we are being asked to do in schools. We are expecting guidance from the Department for Education at some point today to detail exactly who is considered to be a key worker and what type of provision we should be providing but as yet, we have not received anything. Once Frome schools have clarity, a plan for Frome children will be formulated.

In the meantime, we need to find out which of our families fall into the key worker category. This will give us an idea of how many children may need some kind of provision from next week. The school's designated safeguarding leads will identify which families may fall in the 'vulnerable' category, and contact them directly.

The Frome Learning Partnership have set up a data collection form to allow us to collect the information we need as quickly as possible. If you are a key worker, please complete it as soon as possible (and by no later than 10am tomorrow morning, Friday). To access the form, please follow this link: <http://tiny.cc/fromekeyworkers>

Please note that we are currently making a best guess about which jobs will fall in to the Key Worker category. We will need to adjust things once we find out more from Government.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Claire Marsland  
Headteacher



At St John's CE VA First School the health, safety and wellbeing of every child is our top priority. We expect all staff, governors, parent/carers and visitors to share this commitment to safeguarding our pupils.