



# St Agnes C.E. Primary School

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Headteacher: Mr S Uddin

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Urgent and Important information regarding St Agnes CE Primary School

You may be aware that several unions (NEU, [UNISON](#)) have advised their members with regards to the pandemic, its escalation and the potential threat to children and staff in schools. This is in response to the two Government announcements that have taken place during the Christmas break while school has not been open, and all agencies having to constantly adapt to escalations and changes caused by the pandemic.

A significant number of St Agnes' staff are exercising their right not to teach full classes as from tomorrow following their union's advice that school is an unsafe place of work.

I have held a meeting with our Chair of Governors, Mrs Helen Thompson last night and this morning and as a result of this difficult situation, we have had to take some quick and decisive action. Manchester local authority are also aware of the steps we are taking.

St Agnes Primary School will not open to any pupils on Tuesday 5th January, 2021. The day will be used to identify critical worker and vulnerable children and to communicate with the parents of those children that a place has been allocated full time at school as from Wednesday 6th January, 2021.

The criteria for 'Critical Workers and vulnerable children' is outlined below:

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

Please read this before you request a place. As a school, we will have the final decision over whether a child is allocated a place. We will let you know of the outcome by the end of Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January, 3.30pm. Children who are not allocated a place at school will not be allowed to attend school and will have to learn remotely from Wednesday 6th January, 2021 until further notice.

As I write this letter, I know that this will cause anxieties, strains and potential financial losses to families and I cannot apologise enough for this and for the late notice. It is with a very heavy heart that I am left with no alternative at the present time than to carry out the above actions.

I will keep you informed as and when I know more and I will be liaising with the local authority to find a way forward. I understand that you may have lots of questions - please direct them to the school through [admin@st-agnes.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-agnes.manchester.sch.uk). Thank you for your support at this very difficult time and I hope we can return to normal arrangements as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

Mr S Uddin



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