

Dear Parents and Carers of children in non-Hub schools,

We are aware that you may be sending your child to our Hub in the coming weeks. We have been linked to Lister Infants and Knotty Ash Primary School and so expect that some of the children who come to us will be from those schools. We are also expecting some children from Mab Lane Primary School. Whichever school your child is coming from we thought you would appreciate a little bit of information. Below is the letter we have sent out to our parents and carers which might help to answer some of your questions. We look forward to welcoming the children to the Hub.

Please be aware that as of Friday 20th March at 3:15pm St Paul & St Timothy's Catholic Infant School ceases to operate as a school until further notice. On Monday morning the building will be taken over by Liverpool City Council as a Hub to support the children of specific key workers in the city. Please see the information regarding 'Hubs for Children of Key Workers' on Liverpool City Council's website: liverpool.gov.uk/childcarehubs

This information is also available on our school website: stpaulandsttimothys.com under the 'News, Letters and Menus' click on 'Hub information'.

CHILDREN SHOULD ONLY COME TO THE HUB IF THEY DO NOT HAVE ANY OTHER SAFE PLACE TO BE. IF IT IS AT ALL POSSIBLE FOR CHILDREN TO BE AT HOME THEN THEY SHOULD BE. THE GOVERNMENT IS CLEAR THAT CHILDREN WHO DO NOT FALL INTO THESE CATEGORIES MUST BE KEPT AT HOME.

We do not want to be alarmist, but this information MUST be taken seriously. The hubs will operate as a safe place for children of the identified key workers. There will not be educational provision.

Children eligible to attend may bring a packed lunch or a meal will be provided for them. Please also provide a bottle of water and a small snack.

If you fall into the key worker category please bring your child to the main entrance between 9am and 9.30am on Monday morning. The provision will close at 4pm on Monday afternoon. You may pick your child up at any point during the day. Please come to the main office if you arrive before 4pm.

You may be asked to provide proof of your key worker role over the coming weeks. We have put a registration form on our school website, please download, complete this and bring it with you on the first day that your child attends.

If you work shifts, then your child should only attend when you are in work. If you have someone else to care for your child at home, then they must not come to the Hub on those days or for the hours when you are not in work.

We have had queries about children with EHCPs. Children with EHCPs should only attend if their parents fall under the key worker category and there is no one else to care for them safely at home.

Following the establishment of the Hub on Monday, further information will be provided regarding future opening times and days of operation.

These are difficult times for all and we need to pull together to keep our emergency services going for the good of us all.

Kind regards

Joanne Starkey