

# Andreas School

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Tuesday, 2nd March.

Dear Parents/Carers

## Re: Closure of Schools due to Coronavirus

As I am sure you heard today, the Chief Minister ordered a second circuit breaker for the next three weeks. As such, all school activities are cancelled until further notice.

The Government has asked parents to keep their children at home, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who are designated as 'vulnerable' or who are the children of 'essential workers'.

This means that Andreas school will be operating as a hub school for Andreas children. I cannot stress enough that your child is still safer at home and urge you to only use our hub if you really have to. In addition to keeping your child and others safe, low numbers enables me to deploy staff effectively in the hub so that home learning provision for the majority of children is available. Staff cannot provide home learning whilst in the hub. Increased numbers of children means increased staffing, this then jeopardises the online learning for children at home.

It is important to understand that:

- Schools are open only to vulnerable children and children of essential workers
- Parents/carers should do all they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way that could spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults.
- Many parents who are essential workers may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. Every child who can be kept safely at home should be.
- 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.

From Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 children who are identified as vulnerable or whose parents are in the groups in the attached table can attend school. I would like to reiterate that children of essential workers should only attend school if they are unable to be kept safely at home.

We would be grateful if you could let us know by email today ([andreasenquiries@sch.im](mailto:andreasenquiries@sch.im)) if your child/ren fall within the set criteria and indicate if your child/ren will be attending school from tomorrow.

For tomorrow, we ask that children attending school arrive in the playground where they will be met by a member of staff. The same times of the school day apply as usual. Please **observe social distancing and wear masks if possible, thank you.**

School catering services are intending to provide meals in school as usual for all children who attend and payments should be made via ParentPay in the usual manner. Additional cleaning arrangements will also be put in place.

#### **Online Learning**

Attached to this letter is information regarding the remote learning that will be available during this time. We will keep you informed about home learning arrangements as we move forward. Home learning will start on Thursday.

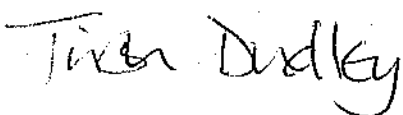
Thank you for your continued support and understanding. We will still be here for you during these difficult and unprecedented times. We know you will work with us in partnership and hope you will help us in implementing the arrangements above.

As always, please contact me directly on [trish.dudley@sch.im](mailto:trish.dudley@sch.im) if you need anything. I will ring you as soon as I pick up the email.

Keep an eye on Facebook, emails and texts as I will update you with information as I get it.

Keep safe, keep in touch and stay strong. We've done it before, we can do it again.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Trish Dudley". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Trish Dudley  
Headteacher

**Essential Workers:**

<b>Work Sector</b>	<b>If your work is critical to the COVID-19 response, or 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</b>
<b>Health and social care</b>	This includes but is not limited to doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the Island's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.
<b>Education and childcare</b>	This includes childcare, support and teaching staff, social workers and those specialist education professionals who must remain active during the COVID-19 response to deliver this approach.
<b>Key public services</b>	This includes those essential to the running of the justice system, religious staff, charities and workers delivering key frontline services, those responsible for the management of the deceased, and journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting.
<b>Local and national government</b>	This only includes those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the COVID-19 response, or delivering essential public services, such as the payment of benefits, including in government agencies and arm's length bodies.
<b>Food and other necessary goods</b>	This includes those involved in food production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery, as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines).
<b>Public safety and national security</b>	This includes police and support staff, contractor and (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the COVID-19 pandemic), fire and rescue service employees (including support staff), those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff.
<b>Transport</b>	This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and freight transport modes operating during the COVID-19 response, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass.

<p><b>Utilities, communication and financial services</b></p>	<p>This includes staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure), the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage), information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the COVID-19 response, as well as key staff working in the telecommunications sector (including but not limited to network operations, manufacturing and engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services), postal services and delivery, payments providers and waste disposal sectors.</p>
<p><b>Miscellaneous Services</b></p>	<p>This includes those that are required for essential commercial cleaning staff who are deployed in any of the working areas of the categories listed above in order to allow them to function.</p>
<p><b>General Guidance</b></p>	<p>If workers think they fall within the critical categories above, they should confirm with their employer that, based on their business continuity arrangements, their specific role is necessary for the continuation of this essential public service.</p>

Day	CURRAGHS CLASS	SILVERDALE CLASS	DHOON CLASS	FUSCHIA CLASS
<b>Monday</b>	Pack sent out via email Online videos on the website Teams drop in at 10.30 am - the link will be emailed to you Mrs Griffin in hub am, story time on website pm	Pack sent out via email Mrs Cottier in the hub so no live video	Learning via Google classroom Teams sessions - check with the teacher	Learning via Google classroom Teams sessions - check with the teacher
<b>Tuesday</b>	Mrs Phillips in the hub so no live video Mrs Griffin in hub am, story time on website pm	Online videos on the website Teams drop in at 10 am - the link will be emailed to you	Teams sessions - check with the teacher	Teams sessions - check with the teacher
<b>Wednesday</b>	Online videos on the website Mrs Griffin in hub am, story time on website pm	Online videos on the website	Teams sessions - check with the teacher	Teams sessions - check with the teacher
<b>Thursday</b>	Online videos on the website Teams drop in at 10.30 am Mrs Griffin in hub am, story time on website pm	Online videos on the website Teams drop in at 10 am	Mrs Hawkins working on DHT so no Teams sessions	Mrs Brook in the hub so no Teams sessions
<b>Friday</b>	Online videos on the website. Mrs griffin available for pastoral chats if necessary, story time on website pm	Miss Brindley in the hub so no live videos on the website	Teams sessions - check with the teacher	Teams sessions - check with the teacher