



St Mary's Primary School

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Principal: Mr. M Meehan

20th March 2020

Dear Parents

In relation to our school being open on Monday 23rd March to support identified Key Workers.

As a school we will strive to ensure that we support the children of key workers in our community. However, please note that skeleton staff will be in place to ensure social distancing and other governmental guidelines are adhered to.

It is very important that we are aware of how many children of key workers will be attending school on Monday morning and thank you to the parents who have responded to the messages sent out earlier today. All correspondence is to be made via email to mmeehan763@c2kni.net.

Before contacting school, **please pay particular attention to the following points.**

- A list of key workers issued by the Department of Education is listed below. Only children with **BOTH** parents working as key workers, and **both parents out at work at the same time** should consider attending school. In single parent families, the individual parent **MUST** be a key worker.
- If possible, alternative childcare arrangements should be sought before deciding to send your child to school. For example, with other family members, friends etc. Please try and use school as a last resort. **This is to try and limit the number of children and adults together in a small space in line with recent social distancing guidance.**
- School will run as normal opening and closing times will apply. **There is no breakfast or minding club available.**
- Children attending will be required to wear their school uniform. Please be advised that schools will be performing childcare duties, rather than teaching and the teaching packs available from Monday will be completed in school.

Yours Sincerely

Mr M. Meehan (*Principal*)



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LIST OF KEY WORKERS AS OUTLINED ON DOCUMENTATION ISSUED TO SCHOOLS ON 19TH MARCH 2020.

- Health and Social Care. This includes doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, home carers and staff required to maintain our health and social care sector
- Education and childcare. This includes nursery and teaching staff, social workers and those specialist education professionals who will remain active during the Covid-19 response
- Public safety and national security. This includes civilians and officers in the police (including key contractors), Fire and Rescue Service, prison service and other national security roles
- Transport. This will include those keeping air, water, road and rail transport modes operating during the Covid-19 response
- Utilities and Communication. This includes staff needed for oil, gas, electricity and water (including sewage) and primary industry supplies, to continue during the Covid-19 response, as well as key staff in telecommunications, post and delivery, services and waste disposal
- Food and other necessary goods. This includes those involved in food production, processing, distribution and sale, as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (e.g hygiene, medical etc)
- Key national and local government including those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the Covid-19 response.