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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Our school is closed to all pupils on Monday 23rd March 2020. This is to enable us to complete risk assessments and to carry out appropriate safeguarding measures to ensure the wellbeing of our school community. On Friday we requested parents to identify themselves as needing our school to be opened this week to provide supervision of our pupils whose parents are “key workers”. At this point, no parents have indicated that they need this service, at this stage. This is a fast-moving situation and as such we are also aware that people’s circumstance may change at any point. If this is the case, we will endeavour to support these families as quickly and as effectively as possible. Any parent who is a key worker and feels that they need this support can contact me directly:**cmcintyre695@c2kni.net**



**Supervison within school:**

Children attending will be required to wear their school uniform. Please be advised that our staff will be providing supervision, rather than teaching. This will allow pupils to complete work set by their teachers in their “Home Learning” pack or read quietly.

**Advice on the Definition of Key Workers as issued by Department of Education 19/03/2020**

Key workers are those who are maintaining essential public services during the Covid-19 response. The definition of key worker will be flexible and dependant on the circumstance and requirements over the course of this critical period. There will be flexibility shown on the definition of key workers to ensure all those who need support receive it. The list is not prescriptive. However, to give some guidance the following outlines the broad categories of what would be defined as a key worker;

**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 (eg hygiene, medical etc)

**Other Workers essential to delivering key public services**

**Key national and local government including those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the Covid-19 response**

Thank you to everyone working in frontline services who provide care, treatment and protection for the community. We appreciate everything that you are doing. Thank you also to all our families for the support they have shown our entire staff team over the past week. Thank you to LCC who helped us out with photocopying our “Home Learning” packs.

Kindest regards,

Mrs C. McIntyre

(Principal)