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## **PARENTAL UPDATE 1-1-21**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope you have had a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year. I am sure that you have heard through the media of the imposed change to the resumption of school next week. Once again this situation is frustrating for all concerned. It is only at this point that the finer details can be conveyed to you. Please note the following:

**DE have instructed all schools that the first planned day back is to be used for preparation and planning for online learning and for putting in place arrangements for Key Worker and Vulnerable pupils. THEREFORE, ONLINE LEARNING AND KEY WORKER/VULNERABLE PUPIL PROVISION FOR P1 – 7 WILL START ON TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY.**

### **KEY WORKER REGISTRATION**

**Any parent wishing to avail of Key Worker places for their child must register BY 12 NOON ON MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY by telephoning the school or by email to Mr. Hall via [mhall215@c2kni.net](mailto:mhall215@c2kni.net)**

### **Please note:**

- A child of a key worker is a child for whom a parent is a key worker, **with no other safe alternative.**
- The Department have stated children who qualify as children of key workers will be in the school building for 'supervised 'learning', this is not 'face-to-face teaching'; this is being supervised in the school building, doing the same activities as the children who are at home.
- School finishing times will operate as normal. There will be no staggered start, pupils should arrive between 8.30 and 8.40 am and be collected at 2.00 pm
- Pupils should bring a packed lunch. **No school meals will be available.**

**Key worker categories are defined as:**

- ❖ 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 pre-school and teaching staff, social workers, youth 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, banking and waste disposal;
- ❖ Financial Services - This includes staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure);
- ❖ 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.);
- ❖ Retail. This includes those workers who have been working throughout the pandemic in food retail, for example, and will now extend to those working in other retail businesses permitted to operate by the Executive from June 2020;
- ❖ Other workers essential to delivering key public services such as the National Crime Agency; and
- ❖ Key national and local government including those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the Covid-19 response

**ONLINE LEARNING**

Teachers will be placing work on Google Classroom beginning Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January. Should a teacher wish to distribute a hard copy of any work set, they will post a message to you via Google Classroom.

Hopefully we will all return to school safely on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January.

Keep Safe!

Yours sincerely

M. Hall (Principal)