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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Minister Weir's decision on school closures is intended to minimise the dangerous spread of the contagious coronavirus, Covid-19, through our communities.

In an update, he has stated that schools are now to remain open, with a skeleton staff, for children whose parents are critical to the Covid-19 response and would otherwise have no option but to stay at home to ensure safe supervision of their children. A list of key worker categories is below:

- Health and Social Care.
- Education
- Public safety and National Security.
- Transport.
- Utilities and Communication.
- Food Provision
- National and Local Government

If you need your child to attend school any day next week please email hduffin422@c2kni.net or call the school on 02827641429 (leave a message if no answer) before 12noon on Sunday 22nd March. This vital information will help us to plan ahead, making sure we have sufficient staff in school to keep children safe.

Before contacting the school please pay attention to the following points:

- Only parents who are **both** key workers and **both** parents out at work at the same time should consider sending their child to school.
- In single parent families, the individual parent must be a key worker.
- If possible, alternative child care provision should be sought before sending your child to school, for example, with other family members, friends etc. Please use schools as a last resort. This is in an attempt to limit the number of children and adults in a small space in keeping with recent PHA social distancing guidance.

- The school will not be operating a 'normal' school day, children will be grouped for supervision only across key stages.
- Children attending school must bring the workpack they received this week.
- Social distancing will be promoted as best we can.
- Breakfast club will not be running at this time
- The school's normal opening and closing times will apply, i.e. 9am – 2pm and 9am to 3 pm.
- Children must not be in school before 9 am.
- Parents should bring their children into the playground and maintain social distancing when dropping them off at 9am.
- School uniform must be worn.
- There will be no school meals until further notice; all children must bring a packed lunch

This is a developing picture and this provision may change in the days ahead. We would ask that you pay attention to the points outlined above before deciding to send your child to school for supervision.

We thank you for all your support at this difficult time and we will continue to do all that we can to safeguard the health and well-being of our school community.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Henry Duffin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Henry Duffin (Principal)