



St Dallan's Primary School

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Dear Parents,

In supporting the roles of key workers during these extremely difficult times and following the Education Minister's letter on Thursday 19 March, schools have been asked to facilitate parents who fall into the Government's key worker category.

Key workers are those whose work is critical to keeping our country functioning. Schools have been asked to provide a very different type of provision and **this is for those who have no other option available to them**. Schools are now being asked to provide **care for pupils – not education**.

In order to provide care schools must:

1. Adhere to Public Health Agency guidance
2. Encourage 2 metre social distancing at all times – this is particularly challenging in our situation
3. Meet safety requirements of pupil/adult ratio (staff availability dependent).

Please note:

- School will operate from 9.00am – 3.00pm
- Children will be required to wear their school uniform
- Before or after school services will not be available
- There will be no school meals facility provided so parents will be required to provide a packed lunch for their child
- Provision of any level of service will depend on staff availability

If you are a key worker and believe that you may need to avail of this provision and you are eligible, please find attached a key worker application form. We would ask that this information, in full, is returned by email to the school info@stdallans.warrenpoint.ni.sch.uk by 12.00 noon Monday 23 March.

APPLICATION FOR CHILDCARE SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN OF KEY WORKERS

Please email your response to info@stdallans.warrenpoint.ni.sch.uk by 12.00 midday Monday 23 March, with the following information included:

Children's Names: _____

KEY WORKER ROLES

Parent One – Name and Role:

Parent Two – Name and Role:

Alternatively, please confirm your key worker role as a single parent – Name and Role:

If possible, please note any particular considerations the school should be aware of if we are in a position where we need to manage who can access this offer of childcare support.

Please provide us with up-to-date contact details, particularly if grandparents can no longer be listed as one of the priority contacts during this period.

Contact Details: _____

If you require a hard copy it will be available from the school office.