

Dear Parent,

As you will be aware the Education Minister has asked schools to make childcare provision available to parents who are keyworkers in the fight against the Covid-19 Vaccine.

A list of keyworkers is available from the Department of Education Website.

We are appreciative of the need to keep essential workers in their roles to maintain essential services.

We are also very aware of the need to take the unprecedented threat from Covid-19 seriously and reduce social contact to an absolute minimum in the months to come.

We understand DE are compiling clarifying guidance but it may not arrive with us before the close of business today.

If you believe you are a keyworker and need your children to be in school, please note the following points:

- Only Keyworkers with no other alternative option in terms of childcare should enrol their children for attendance at school during this closure period. If your partner, another relative, or friends who are available can care for your children to maintain social distancing and reduce further spread of this virus you should use that option.
- We will not have the capacity to follow the curriculum as would normally be the case. We are already short staffed and the situation will worsen. This is described as childcare and that is appropriate.

- All of us who continue to work in school or send our children to school must accept that the risk of infection is higher than would be the case if children were at home and the school cannot offer the usual assurances regarding health and safety.

This is a situation like no other we have faced and we are prepared to do our bit to support efforts to sustain good healthcare and essential services. The guidance from DE is broad, vague and the speed of change in recent days means that all services are responding in crisis mode.

We are appealing to parents to be honest and act with integrity in this and not to use this service unless essential. We may require verifying documentation regarding your role/occupation.

Please contact us by telephone or via email to apassmore636@c2ken.net to have an online enrolment form sent to you for completion and return. Please do this by 4pm today if at all possible to allow us as much planning time as possible.

We will contact parents who wish to avail of the service and who meet the criteria as soon as we can. Please understand that planning is rushed and circumstances are constantly changing.

Yours Sincerely,



Angela Passmore

Principal