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20th March 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

RE: Supporting Pupils of Key Workers: Letter of Request

You are aware that schools are closed from Friday 20th 2020 but will re-open on Monday 23rd March, with skeletal staff, to support identified Key Workers.

The recent advice on how to reduce the risk of, and limit the spread of Covid-19 is clear.

If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.

Therefore, children MUST be looked after at HOME, where this is at all possible.

The message is that schools are closed. Our school service is a service of **LAST RESORT** in order to protect your children, our staff and the wider community and to ensure that the maximum number of Key Workers can get to work to provide the essential front-line services that we need.

It is important that the schools are aware of how many children require this service from Monday 23rd March because of social distancing requirements and a fast reducing workforce.

If you meet the **Key Workers Criteria*** and wish to be considered for a place in this reduced provision, please contact the school on/before **Monday morning at 10 am** by either emailing info@stconors.omagh.ni.sch.uk or by telephoning the school on 02882 244683.

**Refer to the job title attached within each sector and consider if the following applies:*

- 1. You are a **single parent** identified as a Key Worker – without another family member/trusted friend who could look after your child*
- 2. **If one or both parents** are identified as Key Workers – working during school hours - without another family member/trusted friend who could look after your child*

Please note that this is a letter of request. Children who apply (see attached form) and meet the Key Worker Criteria will be notified that there is a place available. Schools may have to prioritise according to need and availability of staff. Please also be advised that schools will be providing child care, rather than teaching and will operating your child's normal school hours: 9.15 – 2.15 or 9.15 – 3.15 (with no morning or after school provision).

We hope your family is doing well and keeping safe during this difficult time.

Yours sincerely,

Katrina McGettigan

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Principal

LIST OF KEY WORKERS AS OUTLINED ON DOCUMENTATION ISSUED TO SCHOOLS ON 19TH MARCH 2020

Please work with us to ensure that schools operate with a limited number of children and staff.

- **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 (e.g. hygiene, medical etc.)
- **Key national and local government** including those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the Covid-19 response.

Supporting Pupils of Key Workers: Request Form

Name of Key Worker:

Telephone No:

Occupation:

Work place:

Days when you require the service:

Name of child/children:

Classes:

Reasons for Request: