

# TILDARG PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parent / Guardian,

As you may have heard schools are being asked to open to pupils of 'key worker parents' to provide supervision. We appreciate this is a difficult time for everyone and we are doing our best to support all our pupils and families and I have spent today trying to get advice and guidance.

To help us ensure children are kept safe and adequate supervision is available, I would ask that you email school ([info@tildargps.ballyclare.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@tildargps.ballyclare.ni.sch.uk)), as soon as possible, (at the latest, by close of day), only if **both parents** fall into the category of a 'key worker' (and both are at work at the same time). This is to help protect staff and pupils by restricting the number of pupils in school.

As stated by Peter Weir, 'key workers' are those who are maintaining essential public services during the Covid-19 response. The definition of key worker will be flexible and dependant on the circumstance and requirements over the course of this critical period. There will be flexibility shown on the definition of key workers to ensure all those who need support receive it. The list is not prescriptive. However, to give some guidance the following outlines the categories of what would be defined as a key worker;

- Health and Social Care.
- Education and childcare.
- Public safety and national security.
- Transport services
- Utilities and Communication.
- Food and other necessary goods.
- Other workers essential to delivering key public services
- Key national and local government

These are unprecedented times and it is difficult for us all to keep on top of the guidance and do the best for everyone, especially when the guidance is not clear and is changing frequently.

Please ensure you email school if **both parents** fall into the 'key worker' category, stating your job roles, and we will aim to contact you as soon as possible.

**Please note:** Pupils who do attend will not be "taught", but will be provided with the facilities to continue with the work being provided to all pupils in their packs. School uniform should be worn.

Thank you

Mrs K. Dickson (Principal)