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Dear Parent/s

I understand that many parents feel that a school environment may not be a safe environment for children due to the present Covid – 19 crisis. If workers who meet the following **Critical Workers** criteria are unable to access childcare/family support, we may be in a position to assist only in an **Emergency** situation.

- Frontline NHS Workers – Doctors /Nurses/Health Professionals.
- Emergency Services.
- Essential Education and Childcare Professionals who remain active in a workplace to support children of critical workers and vulnerable children.
- Essential Transport/Utilities/Communication/Essential Goods linked to Covid 19 Response.
- Essential Government Officials involved in Covid-19 Response.

Therefore if you meet the above criteria and require childcare you may email me at info@stpatricks.castleberg.ni.sch.uk on a weekly/daily basis to request assistance.

If you do not meet the above criteria do not make a request.

If your request is accepted this will allow the school to plan carefully its daily response and bring in essential staff as required. I must ensure the safety of staff and other pupils attending. Therefore, parents must email immediately before 4pm the day before in an emergency situation. I will review these arrangements based on the COVID-19 response.

Yours sincerely Brian Mc Gurk Principal