



## STRAID PRIMARY SCHOOL



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*Dear Parent/Guardian,*

*Last night the minister for education made a statement outlining how schools will close from the end of school today Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March, but however will open with skeleton staff on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March **only** to facilitate those children who are vulnerable (guidance on vulnerable children has yet to be issued) or whose parents are critical to the COVID-19 response (Key Worker status).*

*In order that we can co-ordinate how many children of key workers will be attending school on Monday morning, we are asking if you are an identified key worker from the categories overleaf to **contact school by phone or e-mail as soon as possible** to inform us if your child will be attending.*

*Please pay particular attention to the following points-*

- 1) School hours will run from 8.00am-3.00pm, after school club and breakfast club will run as normal,*
- 2) Children attending are required to wear their school uniform as normal,*
- 3) Children in school will be accessing the same work as their counterparts at home as set in our paper packs and then in the remote learning system from week 3.*

*Obviously, it goes without saying, if your **only option** is to send your child to school under the categories stated on the following page we will look after them in order to support you in your important role.*

*At this stage I would not only like to thank parents for their continued support and kindness at this time, but to also praise and thank our staff for their continued dedication and devotion to the children.*

*Kind Regards,  
Dawn Boyd*

**LIST OF KEY WORKERS AS OUTLINED ON DOCUMENTATION ISSUED TO  
SCHOOLS ON 19<sup>TH</sup> 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.