

## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE 23/03/20

Dear Parents,

Some of you may have seen that the Minister of Education has recently announced that schools should be open for children of key workers. This has to be managed within strict operational guidelines, which highlight this scheme must be resourced within the correct teacher/pupil ratios.

As previously advised, we have completed a risk assessment today, regarding our provision for the children of key workers. As of this morning we have spoken to all families in need of this service and we had hoped to begin a reduced school service this week. However due to the workforce being significantly reduced today we are not in a position at this time, to offer this service. We could not meet the correct staff/pupil ratio to ensure your children are not exposed to any level of risk. It is likely to be 14 days before we can review the situation. We are awaiting guidance from the Department of Education and the Education Authority if any, regarding where your children can attend in the meantime, to access this provision.

Please be aware I am doing everything I can, both night and day, to ensure we can offer support and guidance to all our families. Information changes hourly and we appreciate your patience and understanding at this difficult time. I will keep you updated if our staffing situation changes before the 14-day period.

Kind Regards

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