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Dear Parents,

Re: National Lockdown

Following the government announcement made this evening I am writing to inform you that as of tomorrow morning Longford Primary Academy will only be open to the children of key workers and vulnerable children. Earlier today we sent out a link so we could establish who our key worker parents are. If you have not filled in the form, then please do so via this link so that we know who to expect in school:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=1WpB7LGXmkGhwUrp55TG5CvChyU8XrdAnOzFi32HWadUOVExSE1FUUg5TkU4ROU4TEczWFhRUINJOS4u>

Thank you for the responses we have received so far, this will allow us to open tomorrow for those who need us. Please ensure that you have checked the most up to date information regarding who falls under the definition of a key worker as categories have changed since the last lockdown. As we did previously we may ask for a letter from your employer to confirm that your role is listed below:

Critical workers

Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and EU transition response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined in the following sections.

Health and social care

This includes, but is not limited to, doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

Education and childcare

This includes:

- childcare
- support and teaching staff
- social workers
- specialist education professionals who must remain active during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response to deliver this approach

Key public services

This includes:

- those essential to the running of the justice system
- religious staff
- charities and workers delivering key frontline services
- those responsible for the management of the deceased
- journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting

Local and national government

This only includes those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of:

- the coronavirus (COVID-19) response, and the delivery of and response to EU transition
- essential public services, such as the payment of benefits and the certification or checking of goods for import and export (including animal products, animals, plants and food), including in government agencies and arms length bodies

Food and other necessary goods

This includes those involved in food:

- production
- processing
- distribution
- sale and delivery
- as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines)

Public safety and national security

This includes:

- police and support staff
- Ministry of Defence civilians
- contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and EU transition)
- fire and rescue service employees (including support staff)
- National Crime Agency staff
- those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas

Transport and border

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response and EU transition, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass and those constructing or supporting the operation of critical transport and border infrastructure through which supply chains pass.

Utilities, communication and financial services

This includes:

- staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure)
- the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage)
- information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response
- key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services)
- postal services and delivery
- payments providers
- waste disposal sectors

School will be **open tomorrow** for **vulnerable children** (those with a social worker or with an EHCP) and **children of key workers** (as listed above). Although only one parent needs to be a key worker, to help control the spread of the virus, we are strongly encouraging you to keep your child at home if the other parent is able to work from home. If your working hours are out of school time then please do not bring your child into school. You should only use the school provision when you are working yourself to allow you to do your job in a key sector.

Please bring your child to the main school entrance at 8.50am where they will be taken into the Key Stage one hall. This is where our provision will be based. You may send your child in with a packed lunch or order a school meal in the usual way. Children should be collected from the main entrance no later than 3.10pm. If your child is usually booked into Wings this provision will be open, however you should only use our before and after school club if absolutely necessary and no alternative is available.

To give staff time to prepare there will be no remote learning tomorrow. Online learning will commence for all pupils on Wednesday. Children attending school will also be supported in accessing live learning sessions and resources using the device we have in school. We are still waiting for full delivery of the devices we ordered from the DfE. If you do not access to a device learning packs will be put together until we are able to allocate a device for your child.

Yours Sincerely,



Mrs L. Lawrence
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