

Dear Parents,

As we await confirmation regarding key workers and in-school provision, we are compiling a list of children whose ONLY option would be to come into school.

## **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 (eg hygiene, medical etc.).

### **Key national and local government**

This includes those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the Covid-19 response.

The Minister for Education has stated that, "The aim is to keep the number of children coming into schools to a minimum." Social distancing measures put in place at government level, aim to reduce social interaction between people as far as humanly possible. This advice clearly states that it's best to stay at home and avoid either large gatherings or gatherings in small public places.

The Minister for Health has repeatedly urged us all to remember our important social responsibility in terms of following the government's most recent advice. He went on to say that it is vital that these measures be adhered to as, "These are not light requests. These are things that will pull down the number of deaths significantly."

After consideration of this advice, please contact me on 07892 834428, providing details including your profession and the nature and place of your work. We will contact you as soon as the situation has been clarified. This may be Monday morning as we are still awaiting further governmental confirmation.

As stated in a government document, "Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be." The health and well-being of Ballytober's pupils, staff and extended school community remain my ultimate priority. Further details will be distributed once we have received firm clarification.

Yours sincerely,  
E. Anderson