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Dear Parents,

## **Update regarding Critical worker and Vulnerable children places in school**

The number of families making requests for a placement in school is increasing. We are having to adhere strictly to our guidelines in order to keep both our children and their families and our staff and their families, safe. We do understand that keeping your children at home during lockdown is a difficult task. They may be missing their friends, the social interaction, their classroom learning and the space to run around as children should be able to. Managing learning will also be a challenge. Unfortunately, these rules are not of our making. We MUST follow the guidelines we have been given in order to manage the risk and avoid breaking the laws that have been laid down in terms of Covid-19 restrictions.

We do share your frustrations; we want the children back in school as soon as it is safe for them to attend. In the meantime, we are providing online 'live lessons' (unlike most schools in the area) and a homework hub as well as paper packs of work for the children. Access to the class teacher through the hub and email to help is also available. We would ask you to please remain patient





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during this time and understand that we are acting in the interests of safety.

In terms of those who do qualify for a school place during lockdown, the list is included below. This list is not open to interpretation and is only applicable when **both parents** meet this criteria. Children should always be home when they can. Occupations **not** on the list **do not** qualify.

If you do not have access to the internet and need additional data for your phone to use as internet, we can arrange that. Also, if you have internet but do not have access to a device, we do have a number of laptops that are available to loan.

### Vulnerable Children and Young People

Vulnerable children and young people include those who:

- Have Children's Social Care involved with the family
- have an education, health and care (EHC) plan
- adopted children or children on a special guardianship order
- care leavers
- others that at the local authority's discretion are deemed to need / receive support to manage risks to their mental health

### Critical Workers:

#### Health and Social Care:

- Doctors
- nurses,
- midwives,
- paramedics,
- social workers,





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- care workers
- distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

### **Education and Childcare**

This includes:

- childcare
- support and teaching staff
- social workers
- specialist education professionals

### **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

### **Food and other necessary goods**

This includes those involved in food:

- production
- processing
- sale and delivery





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## **Public Safety and National Security**

This includes:

- police
- Ministry of Defence civilians
- armed forces personnel
- 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 Control**

This includes:

those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport operating.

## **Utilities and Financial Companies**

This includes:

- banks,
- building societies
- financial market
- gas, electricity companies
- telecommunications (999 and 111 critical services)
- postal services
- waste disposal sectors





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We are all experiencing a great deal of challenge. Our families have been absolutely amazing and supportive in these challenging and unprecedented times. Your support is much appreciated. Thank you on behalf of all the St Patrick's team.

