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*Progress Through Partnership, Leading To Excellence*



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Sunday March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020

Dear parent/carer,

In supporting the roles of key workers during these extremely difficult times and following on from the Education Minister's letter on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March, schools have been asked to facilitate our parents who fall into the Government's key worker category.

All medical advice currently being given, resoundingly loud and clear, from our Health Professionals states that all of us are now the front-line in stopping the spread of Covid-19 by **practicing social distancing**. It therefore follows that children are much safer at home and every child who can safely be cared for at home should be.

Key workers are identified as those whose work is **critical** to keeping our nation functioning.

Schools are being asked to provide a very different type of provision and **this is for those who have no other option available to them**. This provision is **care for pupils** – not education.

In order to provide care, schools must:

1. Adhere to Public Health Agency guidance
2. Encourage 2-metre social distancing at all times for adults and children
3. Meet safety requirements of pupil/adult ratio (staff availability dependent).

It must be noted that schools have been asked to work in partnership and our school may not be the school available to your child.



Please find attached key worker application form. I would ask that this form is completed and return by email to: [info@stcolmans.annaclone.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@stcolmans.annaclone.ni.sch.uk) by **10am Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.**

Yours sincerely and with every best wish,

Mr K O'Neill

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## **APPLICATION FOR CHILDCARE SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN OF KEY WORKERS**

Please email your response to [info@stcolmansps.annaclone.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@stcolmansps.annaclone.ni.sch.uk) by 10am Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, with the following information included:

**Children's Names:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## **KEY WORKERS ROLES**

**Parent – Name and Role:**

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Please provide us with up-to-date contact details, particularly as grandparents can no longer be listed as one of the priority contacts during this period.

**Contact Details:** \_\_\_\_\_

