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Dear Parent,

We are committed to doing our very best to support our key workers and are making essential arrangements to open safely and securely for a limited number of children. We will be operating with a skeleton staff to provide care for the children of keyworkers where they cannot find an alternative and have exhausted **ALL** other options for their child's care. This is to protect our children and to ensure that the maximum possible number of key workers are able to go to work to provide all of us with the essential services that we need.

The medical advice is clear - if children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading. Our school facility is a SERVICE OF LAST RESORT. It is important to note this is not a statutory requirement – schools are being asked to help as part of a national response.

This is a pre-arranged service and parents who need to use it must have made prior arrangements with me before arriving. **We require as much advanced notice as possible and request notification by email (ghay546@c2kni.net) by Friday at 12noon for the following week.** In emergency situations which arise at short notice, please let me know asap or at least by 3pm the day before. If you require childcare any day this week please email **before 5pm today.**

Schools will not be able to operate a 'normal' school day. Many schools are already operating with a significant reduction in staffing and this will probably continue to get worse over time. Schools will have a limited capacity due to social distancing regulations and a reduced workforce.

Please be advised that schools will be performing childcare duties, rather than teaching, as not all teachers are currently available to teach and teachers must also be available to provide remote learning. It may not be your child's teacher working on a particular day.

Before you apply for a place for your child(ren) please consider your work role, days and hours of supervision required and if you a non-vulnerable family member or non-vulnerable safe and trusted friend who can look after your child even if they are working from home.

We are doing our best to ensure that the limited places in school are kept available for key workers who really need them. We all have a duty to each other to use this facility responsibly.

We send a huge DPS THANK YOU to all keyworkers who are working tirelessly for us all during these difficult and fast changing times.

I would like to again remind all parents to keep a close eye on our App and Facebook page for updates and home learning ideas; and would again like to express the sincere thanks of all our staff for the support we have been receiving from parents during these challenging times. Thank you also to those who have been emailing and texting to let us know how home schooling is going – you are doing a wonderful job and we love hearing about the fun you are having, we are also enjoying the lighter comments which are helping to keep our spirits high and the fun times going! Please keep them coming and keep up the amazing work.

Yours sincerely,  
G Hay  
(Principal)

