



Millquarter Primary School
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Dear key worker parents,

The Board of Governors, leaders and staff of Millquarter P.S. would sincerely like to thank you for the vital work that you are doing to help in the combat against COVID19. We want to make it very clear that as a school we fully support you, most especially the amazing NHS staff who are working at the very frontline of this pandemic. We have endeavoured over the weekend and are continuing to do so, to put in place plans to open for emergency, last resort childcare for those who have absolutely no alternative available to them.

Remember schools are officially closed to ensure social separation, to restrict the transmission of the Coronavirus and keep our children and staff safe. The safest place for children is in their own homes.

To this end, the children of key workers should only be sent to school when there is no other option available to them and children with underlying health concerns should not be in school. Please call upon older siblings, cousins, sisters, brothers etc who could help to keep your children at home. If you have younger siblings at home who are being cared for then sending another school age sibling to school is not safe now.

In order to comply with social distancing guidelines the school environment will contrast significantly to the nurturing and welcoming learning environment we so firmly believe in and the children are familiar with. There will be NO direct teaching taking place. In order to adhere to the PHA guidelines the children will have to follow very strict rules and remain 2m away from each other. To prevent the risk of spread children will require a fresh change of clothes daily and will only be permitted to bring in their home learning pack. The children will be seated at desks in the assembly hall 2m apart and will be required to wash their hands on entry and exit.

As we wait for further guidelines and clarification from DE we can assure you that we are trying our very best to support you. If you need childcare urgently today we would refer you to the Families First website.

This is a rapidly changing situation. DE require updated numbers from us today. If this is your only remaining option please confirm such by telephoning the school office today before 2 o'clock. (028 796 50130)

Staff will continue to work to provide all pupils with work to be completed at home. We will keep the possibility of childcare provision for keyworkers under daily review.

Please keep safe everyone.

Yours Faithfully,

Dympna Storey (Acting Principal)



