



Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that you have had a peaceful, safe & happy Christmas and I wish you a very happy New Year. I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank you for your patience, understanding & ongoing support during a very challenging time for everyone.

**I still believe that face to face learning & teaching is best for both children and staff, however I feel that it is very important that children should NOT return to school when the infection and transmission rate is so high. Therefore, I welcome this intervention, as the health of the children & their families and the staff and their families is paramount.**

As I stated yesterday and based on the information from the Department of Education:

1. Nursery will start as normal on Wednesday 6 January.
2. Remote Learning for Y1 – Y7 children will take place through Seesaw on Thursday 7 & Friday 8 January. In a previous newsletter I forwarded our 'Remote Learning Policy' and our 'Seesaw Pledge'.
3. Provision for Key Worker Children and Vulnerable Children will take place on Thursday 7 & Friday 8 January. Please be advised of the following information before applying for Key Worker provision:
  - **Given the extremely high rate of community transmission of COVID-19 at the present time, Key Worker & Vulnerable Children Provision SHOULD BE A VERY LAST RESORT.**
  - On Thursday 7 & Friday 8 January it will not be possible to keep children within their class bubbles.
  - Key Worker provision will be **supervised learning only**. There will be **no face to face teaching**.
  - Classroom Assistants will undertake the provision in school while teachers provide remote learning from home.
  - Provision will be from **9.00am – 2.00pm** on Thursday 7 & Friday 8 January.
  - **BOTH PARENTS** (or one parent in a single parent household) must be key workers.
  - Children attending school **ARE REQUIRED** to wear school uniform.
  - **No school meals will be provided** and children should bring their break and lunch with them in their school bag.
  - If you wish to avail of this child care facility please complete the application form below and email it to me at [jloughins453@c2kni.net](mailto:jloughins453@c2kni.net). Completed applications must be sent through by 5.00pm on Sunday 3 January.
  - I will be in contact on Monday 4 January to inform you whether your child will be able to attend school on Thursday 7 & Friday 8 January or not. This will largely depend on the number of applications. I will prioritise any children based on the importance of your key worker role/how vulnerable your child is, the number of staff that I have available and the number of children that can I accept given government guidance on social distancing (particularly as children will not be in class bubbles).
  - If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me by email at [jloughins453@c2kni.net](mailto:jloughins453@c2kni.net). School will be open from 9.00am on Wednesday 6 January and you can contact the office on 02893352280.

## Provision for Key Worker Children

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## Provision for Vulnerable Children

Any child with a statement, who is looked after, has social services involvement or CAMHS intervention is deemed to be vulnerable. If this applies to your child, please state it clearly below.

Children's Names & Year Groups	
Please outline below why your child/children would be deemed to be vulnerable.	
Up to date contact details (address & telephone) particularly if grandparents are not able to care for your children anymore.	<div>Address</div> <div>Mobile Numbers</div> <div>Contact 1</div> <div>Name:</div> <div>Relationship:</div> <div>Number:</div> <div>Contact 2</div> <div>Name:</div> <div>Relationship:</div> <div>Number:</div> <div>Contact 3</div> <div>Name:</div> <div>Relationship:</div> <div>Number:</div>