



Ampertaine Primary School

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Covid-19 Update from Minister for Education- Peter Weir

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As you are aware school is officially closed from Friday 20th. However, the announcement made by Minister for Education- Peter Weir yesterday evening, that schools will remain open for children of key workers. The Minister has stated that the aim of the list is to keep the numbers of pupils attending school to a minimum. Below is the guidance provided by the Minister as to what constitutes a key worker.

- Health and Social Care. This includes doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, home carers and staff required to maintain our health and social care sector
- Education and childcare. This includes nursery and teaching staff, social workers and those specialist education professionals who will remain active during the Covid-19 response
- Public safety and national security. This includes civilians and officers in the police (including key contractors), Fire and Rescue Service, prison service and other national security roles
- Transport. This will include those keeping air, water, road and rail transport modes operating during the Covid-19 response
- Utilities and Communication. This includes staff needed for oil, gas, electricity and water (including sewage) and primary industry supplies, to continue during the Covid-19 response, as well as key staff in telecommunications, post and delivery, services and waste disposal
- Food and other necessary goods. This includes those involved in food production, processing, distribution and sale, as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (e.g. hygiene, medical etc)
- Other workers essential to delivering key public services
- Key national and local government including those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the Covid-19 response

IMPORTANT

If you feel you are a key worker and you intend for your child to attend school on Monday or any of the days next week we would ask that you telephone school by 5pm today and let school know. This will enable us to plan ahead and ensure that there are sufficient numbers of staff in school to keep them safe. School will operate in normal school hours. 9am - 2pm for P1+2 and 9am-3pm for P3-7. Children will attend in school uniform.

Please be aware this is the current advice being communicated to all schools presently. This may be subject to change.

Thank you for your continued cooperation throughout this rapidly changing and difficult situation.

Yours sincerely,

M. Dillon