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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you are keeping safe and well.

We are now entering the eighth week since schools were closed for all but the children of key workers. You may have heard the Minister of Education, Dr Allinson, say at yesterday's Coronavirus Briefing that schools are now looking at ways in which they can extend attendance, initially to include children of additional key worker categories, these being construction, trade and horticulture workers. Our priority is as ever to keep your children and the people who work in our schools safe during this pandemic, therefore any moves we make to extend attendance must be managed very carefully.

The best place for your child remains at home but if you belong to one of the key worker categories and need to send your child to school, please read the revised guidance posted on our website and complete a google application form. You must give us a week's notice so that we can ensure we have sufficient staff available to work with the students in school, and also that our health and safety arrangements have been adjusted sufficiently to allow us to take in extra students.

I hope you will understand that everyone's safety is our primary concern, and that as far as possible we will do everything we can to mitigate and minimise the risks in this health emergency. Although it is impossible to eliminate risk completely in this or any aspect of life, we want to be open and transparent in our procedures and practices designed to promote and maintain health and safety. To that end I will be publishing our Covid-19 Risk Assessment, as soon as it is completed and signed off by DESC, so that you can see exactly what we are trying to do to address the hazards associated with the Coronavirus outbreak. We are working closely with the Department of Education, Sport and Culture on this.

Thank you to those of you who have provided me with feedback regarding our online learning provision. It is fair to say that all of us are learning new things about digital education almost every day, please rest assured we are constantly reviewing our practices and trying to improve them. Those students who have been "under the radar" with their digital learning have hopefully by now been contacted by a teacher or member of the support staff to ensure primarily that they are okay, but to also encourage them to access the excellent range of resources and learning activities provided by our teachers.

As things continue to change at an unprecedented rate in this crisis, I am sure to be in touch with you again in the very near future. In the meantime, please remember to get in touch if you need to via [RGSenquiries@sch.im](mailto:RGSenquiries@sch.im)

Yours sincerely

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