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Dear Parent/Guardian.

Further to guidance issued earlier this week and in light of the most recent changes, our pupils will be taught online through Google Classroom commencing Friday 8th January.

The school will be open for children of key workers and those children classed as vulnerable for 'supervised learning'. As stipulated by the Department of Education this is not face to face teaching and those pupils attending school will be completing the same activities as the children who are at home.

It is important that all pupils attending school are pre-registered. We appreciate that working patterns may vary for some parents and that those families accessing places in school may not always require a daily place for their child/children. With this in mind we will ask key worker parents and those parents of vulnerable pupils to complete the registration process on a weekly basis to enable us to facilitate planning. Registration for attendance during the week commencing 11th January should be completed and returned by **1pm Friday 8th January** at the following link: https://forms.gle/UilEtom3RAdad1XP8

Again, in light of the Minister's advice and in order to minimise the risk to our whole school community I would ask that you only make use of this facility if entirely necessary. We also advise that you do not send your child to school if anyone in your household is showing symptoms or is in the process of being tested for Covid-19.

School times will be as follows:

Arrival:

8.50am - 9.05am

Finish Times:

P1 – P3/R1 – R3: 2.00pm (Entrance and exit via front playground) P4 – P7/R4 – R7: 3.00pm (Entrance and exit via front playground)

School uniform should be worn.

A healthy breaktime snack should be brought as usual and a packed lunch will be required. Payments will be made to those families eligible for Free School Meals.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding during these difficult times.

Yours sincerely

C. McCooe