

## CHILDREN OF KEY WORKERS

Dear Parents

As has been stated previously these are unprecedented and worrying times for all of us. The care and welfare of each individual, child and employee, is our prime concern. The sudden nature of this crisis has led to uncertainty and confusion.

There is confusion in relation to provision for children of key workers. We are awaiting direction from CCMS on this issue. However, the recommendation from DENI states that children of key workers are to be provided for in the following circumstances and only when all other childcare avenues, including family, have been exhausted:

- Where both parents are designated as key workers
- In the case of a single parent where that parent is a designated key worker

The safest place for your child is at home. Social distancing practices must be adhered to. Work packs will be renewed. We will continue to communicate by text.

Staff with underlying medical conditions or with family members who have underlying medical conditions are not to present themselves as available and are to remain at home. This is following medical, union and DENI guidance.

If you meet the criteria as outlined above please let us know by emailing [info@stmalachys.armagh.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@stmalachys.armagh.ni.sch.uk)

We will then contact you when we have further information.

Thank you for your patience, understanding and appreciation. God Bless.

Sincerely

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Principal