



Gorran Primary School

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Dear Parents,

A further update after last night's announcement by the Minister of Education.

While our ultimate aim remains to keep the number of children in school to an absolute minimum, we have been asked to facilitate pupils in school whose parents are critical to the Covid-19 team who would have otherwise no option but to stay at home. Therefore, this would apply to sole parents and families where both parents are key workers. The following headings have been provided, but more detail will follow in the coming days.

- Health and Social Care: doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers and home carers.
- Education and Childcare: education professionals who remain active during Covid-19 response.
- Public Safety and National Security: police, fire and rescue, prison.
- Those keeping air, water, road and rail transport modes operating.
- Utilities: staff needed for oil, gas, electricity and water and key staff in telecommunications, post and waste disposal.
- Food production and processing and those essential to the provision of key goods (e.g. hygiene, medical).
- Key national and local government.

If you are in any of the above categories as a sole parent or both parents, Gorran will be providing essential child care in school. Teaching will only be done through our home learning program.

In Gorran we are already operating with a skeleton staff and do not know how long this can be continued. For now, we will have arrangements in place for staff to be in school Monday - Friday next week from 9am – 2pm. If you require your child to attend on any day next week, please email gorranps@gmail.com stating the days and times they will be here. At present there is no bus service and no canteen in operation. We patiently await further guidance from the department and will update the necessary parents as soon as we know.

Thank you for your co-operation,

James Cleland