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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Yesterday evening, all schools received a letter from the Minister of Education. It again outlined that schools will be closed from the end of school day on Friday 20th March 2020 and this will remain in place until further notice. However, during this time, schools will be open for **Year 8 to Year 10 children** of key workers if parents/guardians cannot provide their own, suitable childcare provision. It should be noted that if it is at all possible for children to be at home then they should be.

It is extremely important that we are aware how many children of key workers will be attending school on Monday morning so suitable provision can be put in place. With this in mind, if you are an identified key worker (see list provided) and cannot provide alternative child care arrangements please contact the school by **1pm Friday 20th March** via telephone call: 02890 848433.

Alternatively, please email info@edmundricecollege.glengormley.ni.sch.uk by **3pm Friday 20th March**.

Thank you for your continued support. We will do what we can to support our families, given these unprecedented times.

Yours faithfully,

P Berne

KEY WORKERS

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)

Key national and local government including those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the Covid-19 response