

Dear Parent/Carer

**\*Please note this email was originally sent on Wednesday - the childcare survey has been temporarily closed by the local authority whilst they update it following the release of the government key worker list - we will notify you once we hear it's back up and running\***

The Prime Minister has just announced full school closure from the end of the school day this Friday (20<sup>th</sup> March) until further notice. Therefore, in accordance with this directive, UCC will close at 3.40 pm on Friday 20 March.

As outlined in the Prime Minister's announcement this afternoon, it is intended there will be some exceptions for the children of key workers and children who are vulnerable. We expect more details to follow with regard to this in the coming days.

The Local Authority is seeking to collate information to identify these key workers. We have received the following request:

### **Priority Childcare Capacity – Coronavirus Bill**

The government is in the process of preparing legislation which will come forward in the form of a 'Coronavirus Bill', which, amongst other things, will create the power to 'require' some schools to stay open in order to release NHS and Social Care staff to continue to perform essential life-saving duties at the peak of the epidemic.

Identifying which parents would need priority childcare in this instance will be a significant piece of work. Please can you send this letter (attached) to **ALL PARENTS**, which asks them to self-identify on an [online form](#) if they:

- Are a frontline staff member in NHS or Social Care involved in direct work with vulnerable people
- Do not have alternative options at home to look after children if schools close
- Would like to take advantage of the priority childcare offer

Further announcements included a statement that there will be no examinations this year. It's too soon for us to know any more than this. We will forward information as soon as we receive it. However, given the uncertainty of the current situation and the likely importance of schools current progress data, it is vital that students in Year 11 and Year 13 continue their programmes of study as planned using remote resources.

For all other year groups, learning will take place using our online facilities as we have planned for. For anyone still uncertain about where to find work for their children, please see the accompanying PowerPoint slides.

The school will remain open until the end of Friday and normal lessons will take place as far as possible.

Yours faithfully

Mr S Gilby

Headteacher