**SEND / Inclusion Policy Covid 19 Addendum August 2020**

Pupils who have needs which can only be met with the additional support provided by an Education, a Care Plan and or Individual Risk Assessment will be expected to attend school alongside any other pupils classed as vulnerable where it is appropriate for them to do so.

St Jarlath’s PS, working together with other partners, where relevant, such as the Education Authority, will take the following actions:

* identify vulnerable children and young people based on the definitions provided by the Government
* determine whether attendance at educational provision is appropriate for individual vulnerable children and pupils with Care plans and Individual Risk Assessments and take appropriate action to encourage this and follow up where children are absent
* support vulnerable children and young people’s welfare and education, both remotely and on-site
* redeploy staff to support children with Care plans and those classed as vulnerable as necessary and if possible taking in to account the extra demands on staffing when some year groups return to school

We will also consider that:

* for vulnerable children and young people who have a social worker, attendance is expected unless the child/household is shielding or clinically vulnerable (see the advice set out by PHA on households with possible coronavirus infection, and shielding and protecting people defined on medical grounds as clinically extremely vulnerable).
* for vulnerable children and young people who have a care plan, attendance is expected where it is determined, following risk assessment, that their needs can be as safely or more safely met in the educational environment.
* for vulnerable children and young people who are deemed otherwise vulnerable, at school attendance is expected unless the child/household is shielding or clinically vulnerable (see the advice set out by PHA on households with possible coronavirus infection, and shielding and protecting people defined on medical grounds as clinically extremely vulnerable

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On behalf of Board of Governors