

Education Authority - Southern Region

ST. BRIGID'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

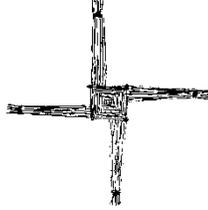
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope that you and your families are keeping well during this period of uncertainty, which can be a particularly difficult time for all of us.

I would like to provide a brief update on the learning resources and remote learning from St Brigid's Primary School ("School").

School website

Initially, we had prepared work to cover a two week period. Given the daily updates and ongoing development of Coronavirus, teachers prepared further work and sourced additional resources to be made available to children via our website.

Staff including teachers and classroom assistants are accessing websites, videos and tutorials to help make "home schooling" more engaging but educational for the children. The "help your child" section on our website will aid your knowledge and understanding of your child's learning. We have also established a homework portal on our website which teachers will add to in the coming weeks.

The password to access the homework portal is **glassdrummond2020**.

Teachers have been posting extension activities on their class portal. Your child may have completed a lot of their work very quickly and as in a classroom situation, there are always extension tasks available. Please encourage your child to complete these extension activities if possible.

Staff are also adding differentiated work under their class literacy and numeracy tasks. If your child's teacher gives your child a smaller quantity of work to complete or in some instances a variation of work, please continue this practice as we want children to return to school confident in their learning and pleased with the volume of work which they had completed at home.

As we move towards Holy Week, staff will post all literacy and numeracy activities on the website. We will also add subjects such as Art and Craft, Physical Education and importantly during this week, religious activities.

Mrs M Keating

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Please use this week to ensure that all work which has been provided to your child has been completed.

Collins E books

I am currently liaising with Collins Publishers to enable our children to access all the Big Cat e Books. There are 300 + titles available so there will be lots of reading material for your children to listen to, and read in order to develop their comprehension skills. There will be additional information on our website when the resources are ready for your family to enjoy.

Other

We strongly recommend that you and your children develop a good routine at home, where possible. There should be a balance of fun and learning throughout the day.

A lot of our pupils start their day at 9am with the Joe Wicks P.E. programme and are then ready for learning afterwards. We suggest trying to keep to the same routine as in school. We would normally have a literacy task and then a numeracy task before lunch. We intersperse your child's learning with either a movement break or complete the Daily Mile exercise programme.

Some teachers are concerned that children have not logged onto Google classroom. P6 and P7 classes are using this platform to complete assignments and communicate with their teachers. We will be monitoring children's usage closely during the next week.

We have added an option on our website that parents and pupils can post comments and questions on the Home Learning section. Each teacher will respond to the queries in their class. The option for a photograph to be uploaded from a pupil/parent with a comment is also being added.

Support

As principal, I will try to support parents and carers in every way. Some of you may have sent emails to our School info account. This account is not monitored daily. If you have any queries or issues about school related work or indeed any concerns which you would like to discuss with me, please email me direct using mkeating196@c2ken.net.

If you would like me to contact you by telephone, please include your contact number in your email.

We are very aware that parents may need support at this difficult time and teachers will provide their work email on our website so that you may contact them.

I am in daily contact with all teachers and classroom assistants. We are working hard to prepare lessons remotely and continue to improve our communication with you.

Please listen and adhere to the medical advice and hopefully, we'll be able to return to School in the not too distant future.

Stay safe everyone,

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