



St Mary's Primary School

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Principal: Mr. M Meehan

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Dear Parents

The situation surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic has created huge levels of disruption and severe concern world-wide. The health, safety and wellbeing of all our school community is paramount and as a school we have the responsibility to ensure this is maintained on a daily basis. In light of this, I welcome the announcement on school closures from the Northern Ireland executive on Wednesday 18th March as a precautionary measure to ensure the safety of our school community. Teachers have prepared differentiated study packs for each child within our school for an initial three-week period. This will take us to Easter. Our school will continue to re-evaluate our position in ensuring the correct measures are in place to meet each child's educational requirements during this difficult period, whilst also exploring other potential forms of learning.

Collecting Packs

Our school will be open for parents to call in on both Monday 23rd March & Tuesday 24th March – 9am-3pm. By opening the school to adults, this will allow people to exercise the social distancing requirements stipulated by government officials. Hand sanitizer will be available when entering the building. On arriving to school please go directly to our school hall. Each class has a table clearly labelled and learning packs are set out with your child's name on the front. The cover page will explain the content of each pack and a description of what is required to be completed by each child. Parents are NOT to return packs, however ALL reading books must be sanitized and returned to school at the end of the three-week period. Links to online educational sites are available via our school website:

Homepage Pupil Area Educational Links

Please enter school via the front door at the main reception. It will be unlocked; you will not have to be buzzed in.

I will strive to keep pupils, teachers and parents updated on developments as I receive them from the relevant governing bodies. I understand this is not an ideal situation for everybody however we must ensure we keep our school and community safe. I would like to thank our entire school community for their understanding surrounding this difficult time. If you have any enquiries or concerns, please email mmeehan763@c2kni.net

Kind regards

Mr M. Meehan (*Principal*)