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Dear Parents

In accordance with DE directive our school will move to remote learning from 6th January 2021 to 12th February 2021.

All pupils from Primary three to Primary seven have accessed google classroom and are now interacting with their class teacher remotely. If you are having difficulty accessing google classroom, please contact Mr Meehan by email mmeehan763@c2kni.net. Google classroom will be instrumental in maintaining daily communication between teacher and pupil so please make every effort to ensure your child has access.

From Monday 11th January a two-week home learning pack will be available for collection at school for every class. Each teacher will liaise with their class through google classroom and support the children as they complete the set activities laid out in the learning packs. When daily activities are completed, we ask that the completed work is photographed and submitted to your child's teacher via google classroom to enable each teacher to comment on the completed work. Usernames and passwords for primary one and primary two children will be included in the home learning packs on Monday - Refer to our user guide to access google classroom via our website www.stmaryspsgreenlough.com/classes. Our teachers will post information, comments and videos modelling class topics to support your child as they work through the home learning packs.

All completed packs are to be returned to school on Monday 25th January where they will be stored for 72hrs before being handled by staff. A further three-week pack can then be collected from school on Monday 25th January and returned on Friday 12th February. Although many schools have decided not to issue reading books, we are happy to do so, however they MUST be returned to school along with the completed learning packs. Unfortunately, during the previous lock down many reading books were not returned and were replaced which incurred an unnecessary cost to school.

Please note – You can access google classroom at a time that is convenient to you and you do not have to work specific school hours 9am – 3pm. There will be no virtual live classrooms and the children can access the content at a time that is suitable to you. The platform will be used as a support mechanism for the children when completing their home learning packs. You can photograph and upload the completed daily work at any time during the day or night however, teachers will only respond during their normal working hours.

Due to the current social restrictions, we can no longer facilitate our annual face to face parent teacher meetings. However, your child's class teacher will arrange a telephone meeting with you from Monday 25th January to discuss your child's progress during the lock down and also discuss the progress they have made in school during term one.

If you have any issues or queries at any time, please email your child's class teacher or Mr Meehan. It is important we continue to keep the lines of communication open and strong. We must continue to work together, support each other and stay safe.

Yours Sincerely

Mr M. Meehan (Principal)