



**St Patrick's Primary School & Nursery**  
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Coilleach Eanach

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**Dear Parents/Guardians**

**Now that a decision to close schools in response to the threat of the Coronavirus has been made, our teachers are currently preparing work for our pupils to continue learning away from the classroom.**

**We are preparing packs for each child from P1-P7 that will contain enough activities until Easter. These packs will contain worksheets and also blank exercise book/s that can be used for future assigned work.**

**As the Nursery curriculum is a play based curriculum there will be no activity packs sent home for this age group.**

**After Easter, our school website will be used to share intended weekly activities. There will be a Home learning section on the site where parents can access the weekly activities/documents that their child's teacher will post. This will also include a Nursery section where suggested weekly play activities will be posted.**

**A new list of activities/documents with instruction will be posted for each class every Monday for Nursery to P7. In normal everyday teaching, our teachers match work to ability. If your child finds the activities for their year group too difficult or easy, you may attempt the year below, or the year above. Your teacher will be available to contact via email for any guidance or questions when our website home learning area becomes available.**

**We will not be sending reading materials home due to the threat of cross contamination but we will be able to guide parents/guardians to online sites with a multitude of digital books to keep up reading during the closure.**

**Access to Mathletics is currently available and will be a vital resource for all in the coming weeks. Home access to Accelerated reader and other online learning platforms will also be available and will be communicated to you in the coming days.**

**The work packs for the pupils to use until Easter will be available for collection from school on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.** To stagger the amount of people gathering at any one time, we will text you a collection time. We will use our text service to communicate remote learning updates to you and would ask that you keep me informed of any mobile number changes via my email which is listed below.

I am aware that there are some families whose broadband connectivity is poor and/or have no access to a device to access materials that we will be posting online. Please email me if this is the case with your household and we can make alternative arrangements or a loan of a device. Most activities will be able to be printed and completed and if you have no printer they can be completed on a piece of paper or in the exercise book that will be sent home in your work pack.

I can be contacted via email at [pquinn475@c2kni.net](mailto:pquinn475@c2kni.net)

Further updates on access to various educational resources will follow via text. These are unique times and undoubtedly schools being shut is a burden for families and our pupils who will undoubtedly miss their friends and routine. We are being asked to take this course of action for the benefit of the most vulnerable of society and our teachers are determined to do the best job they can in this challenging situation. We would ask our pupils to keep connected digitally with one another as best as possible and to help their families around the house to make things easier for all.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding. Our school community has always risen to any challenge, overcoming this will be no different.

Kind regards

P.Quinn