

Dear Parents....

Please do not put yourself or your children under any undue pressure over the next few weeks. As a society, we are dealing with unprecedented times with all the challenges and fears that comes with a pandemic. The priority for you will be to maintain the health and well-being of both you and your family. Take time to reassure your child as they settle into a new routine of accessing their education at home. Literacy and Numeracy will always be important, but making sure your child feels happy and secure in the midst of uncertainty and fear is of the utmost importance.

Every child should have received their home pack last Friday. This contains adequate curriculum work for the foreseeable future, certainly until the end of April. In addition, encourage your child to continue using Reading Eggs, Reading Eggspress, Spellzone and DoodleMaths. These are already well established throughout the school and should be familiar to your child. These programmes are ideally suited to individual learning, given that they offer differentiated access to activities. They will help support the transition from school to home learning.

The situation will be reviewed in April to make further decisions about additional provision. In the meantime, if you are unsure about any aspect of your child's work and require clarification, please contact the teachers via their email address between 9.00am and 3.00pm, Monday to Friday. The majority of you already have my mobile number, 07892 834428, although this should be used to address more general issues rather than those relating specifically to the home curricular provision.

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Please be patient with us at this time. We are dealing with an ever changing environment as the Education Authority and the Department of Education are naturally being guided by the government. The next few weeks, and possibly longer, bring similar worries and concerns to us all. No doubt there will be niggles and difficulties as we all adjust to new routines and means of educational provision, but we will work as a team to ensure the best for the Ballytober pupils.

E. Anderson, Principal