



# Roan St Patrick's Primary School

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## **Homework**

Homework will begin for all children next week. Homework outlines for each class will be posted on the school website from Monday morning and shared via Seesaw by your child's teacher. If you have any technical difficulties, please contact the school.

## **Seesaw**

The Seesaw app is primarily used for your child to share their homework weekly. If you have any important or urgent messages, please contact the school via phone or email your child's teacher directly as Seesaw may not be checked daily (teacher email addresses available on home page of school website).

## **IEP's / PLP's**

IEP's (Individual Education Plans) will now be known as PLP's (Personal Learning Plans) in all schools. If your child is currently on a PLP, their teacher will be in touch to arrange a meeting by the end of the month.

## **Covid-19 - New Guidance**

Following yesterday's meeting, new guidance on dealing with Covid-19 cases has been issued to schools. School leaders will no longer be required to respond to every COVID-19 case and identify contacts. Instead, the Public Health Agency (PHA) Contact Tracing Service will undertake a more targeted approach and will only contact the school Principal for assistance in certain circumstances, for example, to obtain parent or staff contact information. This will help reduce the potential for large numbers of pupils being required to self-isolate and also reduce the amount of time spent by schools contact tracing.

From today, when the PHA Contact Tracing Service (CTS) contacts a confirmed COVID-19 case associated with a school (either a pupil or staff member), they will ask for their support (or that of their parent or guardian) in identifying their close contacts.

Those identified as close contacts by this process will be contacted by the PHA CTS by phone or text, advised they have been identified as a close contact and directed to advice on self-isolation and testing (<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-self-isolating>). Parents will be encouraged to inform the school of their child's positive test or identification as a close contact as part of routine absence reporting.

In the event of a positive case of Covid-19 in the school, I will send out an Alert Letter to warn and inform parents of the case in a particular cohort or bubble.

The school will continue to mitigate against the spread of Covid-19. I would like to thank you all for following guidance and supporting the school to date.

Yours sincerely

*S Mone*

Principal

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