

# **ST FRANCIS' PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope that you and your family are keeping well during these unprecedented times. It is important to maintain the precautions you are taking to prevent the spread of COVID19. This is a difficult time for all of us and everyone, children and adults alike, have important roles to play over the next few weeks.

**Parents** Try to ensure that some routine continues for your family; agree a 'getting up' time each day, set out a learning timetable which includes both time to work on the support packs which were sent home and time for online learning, availing of the learning opportunities provided by BBC Bitesize or RTE's new learning hub, RTE Learn which has programmes on RTE2 from 11.00am and content online. Learning should not be restricted to formal learning but should include physical exercise, helping with cooking or baking, gardening or other outdoor experiences such as looking for signs of spring. Remember, this cannot replace normal schooling but try to get some quality learning time each day along with a good range of other activities. **In term 3 additional tasks or work will be added to the Home Learning section of the school website [www.stfrancisaghaderg.com](http://www.stfrancisaghaderg.com)**

## **Children**

Your teachers have been asking about you. They hope you are keeping well and dividing your time through doing some school work, trying to read a little each day, learning through technology (TV, ICT, etc.), exercise, art & craft and games. This is a good opportunity for gaining new experiences and you also must have fun each day. Remember, to talk to your parents if you are worried.

## **Easter**

As we start Holy Week, it is an opportunity for the children to learn a little about the Easter story through some art work which can be downloaded from the Home Learning section of the school website: [www.stfrancisaghaderg.com](http://www.stfrancisaghaderg.com)

## **Childcare for Children of Key Workers**

To date you have been able to make your own alternative arrangements for your children. However, as we enter this crucial stage, the circumstances of families may change. Therefore, if you are a keyworker, have no alternative childcare arrangements and require childcare for your child/children please email me at [dmcnally516@c2kni.net](mailto:dmcnally516@c2kni.net) by 12.30pm each Friday to pre-register for childcare. Going forward, this childcare may not be in St Francis' PS but in a Banbridge based cluster.

If you have any queries please email me at [dmcnally516@c2kni.net](mailto:dmcnally516@c2kni.net) and I will try to deal with these as early as possible.

Yours sincerely  
Donal McNally  
(Principal)