



20th March 2020

Dear Children

I know that by now your parents will have told you our school is closed. I'm sure you have loads of questions and I am really sorry that I do not have all of the answers that you might want. Our school and all schools have never been closed like this before and so have a big challenge ahead. You are even more special now because you will be learning at home more than your parents or grandparents ever did! We need you to help us and to help your families get through the next few weeks!

All of your teachers and classroom assistants have been very busy preparing some work for you that you will be able to do at home. We are not on holiday, even though it may feel like it. This work will help you build upon the great progress you have made this year and get you ready for when we return to school. It isn't a choice of doing this work, you really need to be doing it! If there's anything you find tricky, your parents can pass this onto your teacher and we'll see how we can work it out. Always do your best and don't give up too easily.

Remember that those who are helping you at home need the same respect we get in school. While I'm sure you will be having the odd wee lie in, try to get up and ready for the day ahead, just like a normal day at school. You could even make your own timetable (we'd love to see them!) Start the day with your morning prayer and then when you've completed your work for the day, say the afternoon prayer as well. We've sent a copy of your class rules home so that you remember them. Remember your good manners and keep the treat days to Friday if you can. You could help make lunch and remember to tidy up afterwards. You will learn so many new skills by helping out around the house.

If you've completed your work, we want to see it, so take a picture and send it on Seesaw to your teacher. They will be missing you and will want to see how well you're doing. Some pictures of extra things that you are doing would be great as



well. We are going to set up a special email address that your parents can send in some photos that we could share on the school website for you to see your friends. If you can keep in touch while school is closed, try and do it by following the rules your parents set.

When we do get back to school, I can promise that we will have a huge party because we'll be so glad to see everyone and I think that by then you will all have earned 'Play-On,' at break time and lunchtime. There might even be some free time so we can catch up with each other - I hope you don't grow too fast or we'll not even know you!

Remember to work, pray and play at home and we look forward to doing this Together in school when we return.

Mr McGrath

Miss McMullan, Mrs McDowell, Mrs McCartan, Mrs O'Connor, Mrs Davey, Miss Mallon, Mrs Kernan, Mrs Rice, Mrs Jordan, Mrs McEvoy, Miss McSharry, Mrs Sealey, Mrs McKelvey, Miss Maguire, Mrs Dowdall, Miss McCullough, Mrs Green, Mrs Cope, Mrs Hanvey, Ms Jones.