



**7<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

Dear Parents

Hopefully you are all well and staying safe at home during this very strange time. Instead of enjoying our annual Speech & Drama Festival this week, we are working at home and praying for those who are sick, or are key workers during Holy Week. Thankfully it seems that our school community are all well and we have enjoyed seeing some amazing work via Seesaw since we've been working at home. Everyone has been busy in so many different ways.

By now some of you will be getting itchy feet and with the weather so good you'll be keen to get out and about- please don't. If we want to get back to 'normal,' as soon as possible we need to continue to stay at home. The best way of showing our love for each other at this time, is by staying apart from extended family and friends!

We know that a number of you have been very busy working your way through the home packs and online work that has been sent home. You have worked so well and we really are delighted with your efforts and the children's work that we have seen is truly a credit to you. Thank you. Thank you also for the many kind words and comments. This has been a challenge all around and everyone deserves serious credit for what has been achieved. If you feel that you need to do a little work over Easter, then of course go ahead. Try not to get too far ahead though as it will make it much more difficult to cater for everyone during the third term. If you feel like the Easter break should be exactly that, then enjoy it, these times should hopefully help us appreciate just what we have.

Thursday would have been a half day in school and that means the children (and you) can take a well-earned break from their scheduled school work. We will restart everything on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April when school was due to have restarted after the Easter Holidays. This also coincides with the first day of online learning provided by the BBC, which will be something new we can look into. Over the holidays, the children can continue to log-in to C2k (My School) and the school website, but teachers will refresh their side from that Monday morning.

Finally thanks for your patience with our My School log-in details. Hopefully these are sorted now and you can get into Newsdesk and the other great features there. If not, please e-mail school and we'll be happy to help.

In the mean-time stay safe and look after each other.

**Any pictures you'd like to share please send in to: [info@stpatrickspssaul.downpatrick.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@stpatrickspssaul.downpatrick.ni.sch.uk)**

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