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Remote Learning

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Unfortunately, as you are well aware, we are now back to remote teaching and learning for the rest of January, at which time, it will be reviewed by the government. Without doubt, we all want our lives to return to normal and remote learning to be a distant memory. However, we need to make the best of this difficult situation to ensure that the effects of the closure on our pupils' education and wellbeing are minimised.

The previous closure in March came as a huge shock to all staff and families alike. It took quite a bit of adjusting and we really had to learn on our feet.

However, we are now much more prepared for learning online as the staff and pupils have been working consistently through their learning platforms since September. Along with the experience of March to June and the work that has been done in school since then, we believe that with your support they will in a better place to work more independently and are confident that they will progress in their learning.

We understand completely that you, or other members of the family may be working from home and that it may not always be possible to support your child as much as you would like. Illness may also be a factor in a household. In these situations, please inform the teacher of your individual circumstances.

The general outline of the week will include:

- Daily lessons on topics that are being taught, generally focusing on literacy, numeracy, Irish and another area of the curriculum. These will be presented in a variety of formats but mainly as pre-recorded videos.
- Lessons will then be uploaded to the online platforms, Class Dojo and for the older pupils, Google Classroom
- Zoom calls will be arranged each week to engage pupils on topics being taught.
- You will be asked to submit work daily to your teachers via the learning platforms.

Communication with your son's teachers is really important and if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact them.

Devices are available on loan from the school if they would benefit your child's learning. You can contact me next week, if this is the case.

Wishing you well.

Sincerely,

Anthony Liddane