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Updated Guidance and Information

Remote Learning to take place until February Mid Term break:

- As you are aware during the previous lockdown much of the remote learning had involved revision work using learning packs. Thankfully things have moved on!
- We are now in the position to deliver Numeracy, Literacy, Phonic/Spelling and Guided Reading sessions, through Seesaw and Zoom.
- Thurs 7th and Friday 8th Jan will be used to ensure we have everyone engaging and able to access video recordings and zoom links in the online forums.

Reception, Rang 1, P1-P2 (Mrs Loughlin):

- Recorded lessons will be posted each morning on Seesaw.
- Packs containing relevant worksheets, reading books, whiteboards and markers will be available to collect from the school on Mon 11th Jan between 10am-12pm.

P2/3 (Mrs O Malley) - P7:

- Zoom links will be posted on Seesaw (Mrs O Malley) and GC -10mins before the lesson is due to begin each day. We have tried to ensure that siblings' classes do not overlap.
- We are aware that some pupils may have difficulty with C2k logins after the Christmas break. Therefore, as a precaution, links to Zoom lessons will also be texted out to parents' mobiles on Thursday 7th. If any parent has difficulty accessing GC, please contact the class teacher for support asap.
- There will be a pack containing worksheets, novels and spelling activity books available to collect from the school on Mon 11th Jan. (there will be no online zoom classes on Monday 11th) Packs can be collected between 12pm-2pm. Anyone who has a younger sibling in the Náiscoil or P1-3 should lift all packs together please.

See Zoom timetable below for Thursday and Friday's lessons:

	9:30-10:15am	10:20-11am	11:40-12:20	1pm-1:30pm
Class 1	P3 Mrs O Malley	P7 Mrs Smith	P6 Mrs Campbell	P2 Mrs O Malley
Class 2	P3/4 Mrs McEvoy	P6/7 Ms J Hughes	P5 Mrs Sloan	

Learning Packs:

Work in Learning Packs will correspond with a different online lesson each day. Teachers will inform you during their lesson as to what work should be completed on what day.

It is EXTREMELY IMPORTANT that these packs are collected. The topics being taught remotely **HAVE NOT** been previously taught in school therefore pupils may find difficulty completing the work unless they have engaged in the lessons.

DE Attendance Codes - The Dept of Education have clearly stated that pupils should engage in remote learning – The DE 'unauthorised absence' code will be used to record attendance for pupils who are not engaging. This attendance data is closely monitored by DE.

Supervised Learning:

Thank you to the Key Worker Parents for returning the Supervised Learning Questionnaire. This link is now closed and following your reply you are registered on our system as a key worker parent. As such you will continue to receive a link every Thursday to complete weekly registration for the following week's provision. This registration must be returned before 2pm on the Friday.

Due to our experiences pre-Christmas, the increased rate at which the corona virus continues to spread and the high number of positive cases, I would again reiterate that the Supervised Learning Provision is used only as a last resort and ONLY if no other childcare is available.

If you have registered for this service and decide against your child attending please contact the school on stfrancisenquiries@gmail.com the night before they are due to attend. This will allow us to reorganise bubbles as necessary and utilise designated staff for remote learning provision.

Digital Device Loan Scheme:

There is a limited number of digital devices (iPads and Google Chromebooks) available for loan from the school. The DE have set criteria relating to who is prioritised and how devices should be distributed. It is not ideal that any pupil is accessing online zoom lessons or resources on smartphones as teachers will regularly be sharing documents and presentations which pupils should be able to read.

We have just discovered today that Google Classroom can easily be accessed on Xboxes and Playstations – the bigger the screen the better!

If you are in need of an additional device at home in order for your children to access online lessons please email Mrs McEvoy our ICT Co-ordinator pmcevoy168@c2kni.net requesting a copy of the loan agreement. This must be completed and returned before Sunday 10th January at 6pm. The school will endeavour to facilitate all requests in as far as possible.

Staffing:

In Term 1 we welcomed Mrs A Murray (Assistant P2), Mrs D Geraghty (SEN Assistant), Ms J Lozano Camacho (Reception Assistant), Ms Raya Angelova (SEN Assistant), Mr R Rafferty (P2 Teacher) and Mr C Sloan (P5 Teacher).

As we have some members of staff unable to return to work as yet, Mr R Rafferty will now be charged with teaching the P6 class for the remainder of this year and Mr C Sloan will remain with Primary 5 as Mrs Quinn continues to deliver support to KS2 pupils.

We also welcome Mrs C Donaghy back from her maternity leave following the birth of her beautiful baby boy Conor.

Reminder:

Teachers can be contacted via their class gmail accounts. Pupils' work submitted should be corrected by the parent, teachers will monitor work daily, choosing 5 pupils on a daily rota basis. A gentle reminder that teachers access mailboxes and forums between the hours of 9am-3pm when not teaching or preparing resources - any emails or messages outside of this time will be addressed the following day.

Kind Regards



Mrs Feena Hughes
Principal