



# Ballykeel Primary School & Nursery Unit

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## REMOTE LEARNING 11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY TO 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope that you are all well and that home learning has gone smoothly for you this week. I am sure you are aware that, as we are in lockdown again, remote learning is to continue until the mid term break which is up to and including Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February. Schools can continue to remain open for supervision of the learning of vulnerable pupils and the children of key workers. You can email the teacher by 4:00pm today if you wish your child to be considered. As I currently have 7 times the number of children who are asking for supervision now than during the last lockdown, I reiterate, that, as the situation remains extremely serious, this is only if you have no other safe alternative for your child. If you are at home, the safest place for your child is with you. Please note that school will close at 2:00 everyday.

### WORK PACKS TO SUPPORT LEARNING AT HOME

#### HOW DO I GET THESE?

Packs will be available for collection on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January at the same times and areas as they were on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January. If it is too icy behind the youth centre, we will send you a text.

#### Nursery

**12:30 to 1:00** through their usual entrance/exit gates and collect from the area outside the classroom door

#### Primary 1

**1:00-1:20** Parents to enter through their usual gates (home time) and collect from the area outside the classroom door

#### Primary 2

**1:30-1:50** Parents to enter through their usual gates (home time) and collect from the area outside the classroom door

#### Primary 3

**2:00-2:20** Parents to enter through their usual gates (home time) and collect from the area outside the classroom door

#### Primary 4

**2:30-2:50 P.4H** Parents to enter through the side gate at the Youth Centre and will be directed to the area outside the classroom door

**2:30-2:50 P.4T** Parents to enter through the main gate and collect at reception

#### Primary 5

**3:00-3:20 P.5H** – Canteen (Shetland Gardens side)

**3:00-3:20 P.5MA** - Parents to enter through the main gate and collect at reception

#### Primary 6

**1:00-1:20** P.6F - Canteen (Shetland Gardens side)    **1:30-1:50** P.6M – Canteen (Shetland Gardens side)

#### Primary 7 -

**2:00-2:20** P.7G - Canteen (Shetland Gardens side)    **2:30-2:50** P.7H – Canteen (Shetland Gardens side)



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## What Way Will the Packs Be Organised?

The first pack will contain work for the first 3 weeks. The activities for each week will be in a separately labelled plastic pocket. The plan and guidance for each week (including a timetable) will be posted in the home learning section of the website. We are doing our best to make this as straight forward as possible for you as we know that home learning can be tough.

The second pack for the next 2 weeks (2<sup>nd</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> February) will be available to collect on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February. In order that the teachers can assess the work completed, the first pack must be returned when you are collecting the second pack, including the reading book. (Please take good care of our reading books! ☺).

## What Do We Need Parents/Guardians To Do?

In order to ensure that children do not get behind with their education, please carefully note the following:

- EVERY work pack must be collected (we were very disappointed that 26 packs were not collected on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January given the effort, time and cost of producing these).
- Parents must use the home learning section of the website and follow the daily timetable, plan and guidance set out by the teacher each day to ensure that the work is completed.
- EVERY child must complete the activities sent home.
- Every week the teacher will indicate clearly on the plan which 3 pieces of work he/she wants you to take a picture of, and send to him/her for feedback. ***These 3 pictures are to be sent in one email on Thursday each week.*** If we don't hear from you, the teacher will be in contact to see how things are going to offer advice and support.
- In addition to above, you can, at any time, send pictures of your child's work to the teacher and you/your child will receive feedback on it.
- You can email the teacher to ask for advice or guidance or to request a 'ring back' for this. When you get a call from the teacher, if the teacher is speaking directly to your child, please have your phone on loud speaker so that both you and the child can hear what the teacher is saying.
- You can also post pictures of your child at work on the comments section in the home learning section of the website

**Please keep in regular contact with the class teacher, even if it's just at the end of the day to say that your child has got his/her work completed.**

## PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF CHILDREN WHO ARE BEING SUPERVISED IN SCHOOL

Please check your child's work every day and prepare your child for what they have to do the next day. Please communicate with the teacher as detailed above.

Take care and keep safe,

*S Sheeran*