



Ballykeel Primary School & Nursery Unit

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Today is the last day for our pupils. Your child's teacher and assistants have been working incredibly hard to prepare a home learning programme for your child. We envisage this to be a lengthy period of absence so a lot of worksheets have been collated - please don't complete all the work in the first week!

We will be using the school website to keep in touch with parents and pupils weekly. In the **Classes** section of the website, a new section has been added called **Home Learning**. By Friday each week we will have posted information as well as messages to our pupils to keep in touch and let them know we are thinking about them.

Those children in school today will take their learning packs, PE kits, and any medication/inhalers home with them. For those not in school today, these items can be collected from the school between the hours of 10:00 and 3:00 on Friday 20th March ***from the canteen – please come in the canteen door at the side of the school and not through the front door.*** If you are able to collect a pack for a parent who is unable to do so, this would be greatly appreciated. It would be appreciated if all reading books and library books could be returned tomorrow when you are collecting your packs.

I cannot stress enough that if you are self-isolating for any reason related to coronavirus you cannot personally collect these packs, please ask a friend, neighbour or another parent to do this for you. One person only will be admitted into the canteen to collect the items.

As a school we wish you all well, this has been a very strange week for all of us and we are unsure of what lies ahead. Thank you for your messages of encouragement and support. I also want to publically thank our staff who as I knew they would, have responded to this challenge in an exceptionally professional, supportive and passionate manner.

We will really miss seeing your children on a daily basis, be safe everyone, look after each other, and hopefully we will all be back in school soon.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Sheeran
Principal