

Holy Family N.S. Tubbercurry, Co. Sligo



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Dear parents/guardians,

I hope you are all keeping well. Well done on surviving 6 weeks of this change to our life. It is difficult for all of us! We would all like to be back to normal – we would like to be back, in school, at work. We would love to see and hear your children again. At the moment that isn't safe for us. As we start another weekend we ask you to keep up the great work you have been doing. Keep yourself and your family safe by staying home. Keep up the social distancing. Keep washing your hands. More people have the virus now than in March so we all need to keep our families close. Don't let this virus spread quickly.

Thank you all for signing up to our Google Classroom. I also want to thank the teachers for working in this new way. They would prefer to be back in class, in our school, but for the moment working online is our new school. The teachers are posting work each Sunday so the work is ready for your children on Monday morning. If your child is having difficulties with the work you can message the teacher through the google classroom. Please remember these are professional emails.

It is great to see photographs and pictures of the children's work. It reminds us of how lovely your children are and we are very impressed with the great work they are doing. Feel free to send in photos of your child's work to the class teacher. The teachers can give feedback on the work that they see.

Here are some guidelines about school work and corrections:

- In general, work will be posted on Sunday for Monday.
- Children can do work at their own pace. We know all houses are busy and that this is a stressful time.
- The teacher will tell you how the work will be corrected – some work you can check at home yourself (reading), answers to maths questions will be posted at the end of the week for senior children, work can be emailed to the teacher/or uploaded to google classroom, photos of project work can be sent in.
- Taking a photograph of your child's work and sharing with teacher shows the work has been completed.
- At the moment we aim to encourage and praise children (and parents!) for their work at home. We all know we will have work to catch up on. But we will do this when we get back to normal.
- Teachers may post check in forms – to see how the children are getting on with work and to encourage communication with the teacher.

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- Teachers have been posting weekly messages to their classes – It is also nice to get greetings back.
- Ms McDonagh is posting extra work for children from Junior Infants to 2nd class. Ms Brennan is posting extra work for children in 3rd to 6th class. They may email the children who attend their classes to see how they are getting on with the work.

If you need to contact the school office please email Eilise (secretaryholyfamilyns@gmail.com) or myself.

We had many activities due to take place this term. Everything is now on hold until it is safe to get back to normal. **Swimming money** has been lodged in the school account and will be used next year or returned – when school opens.

There has been talk about schools reopening. We know as much about this as you do. We hear any **announcements about school** at the same time as you do. The Department do not tell us this information in advance. If the school reopens we will text you and let you know when and how that will happen.

Next week is **Active Schools' Week**. Why not get involved – and send us some photos for our website?

I hope the **school lunch packs** are going well for your child. If you are not on the list and would like to be added please email the principal.

We understand this is a stressful time for everyone in our community. Your main aim is to keep your family safe. We know that some of our parents are still working and that school work is difficult. That is ok! Keeping safe and well is the priority. We will work hard to catch up on work when we get back together.

On behalf of the staff I wish you all well - and please tell your children we miss them all and look forward to seeing them soon.

Stay safe

Bernadette Ryan