Holy Family N.S. Tubbercurry, Co. Sligo



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Dear parent/guardian,

At this time of year we contact parents to make arrangements for their child's transfer to secondary school. None of us ever imagined that at the end of your child's primary school education that our school would be closed. It is something we could never have predicted. At the moment all we can do is pray that we all stay well and hope that scientists throughout the world can work together to find a solution to this great challenge we now face. For our part – we just continue to work at home and keep our distance from each other in the hope we will all see each other again soon. Be assured we do miss you all and the disappointment of school remaining closed is as great for our staff, as it is for your children. I would like to thank Ms Taheny for the interesting work she is preparing for your children. I would love to be back in school, on Fridays, presenting awards for all the great work that the children are doing.

When children leave our school and go to their secondary school every school is obliged to forward information on your child to the new school. We collect this information in this term and keep it safe. When your child's new principal contacts us we then transfer the information to the new school. This information is important as it gives the new school an idea of your child's strengths and challenges.

The following is the information that transfers:

- Based on Circular Letter 0045/2014 schools are obliged to forward information on pupils to the the new secondary school. This is to help the new school make your child's transition easier
 - Children complete an Education Passport Sheet which is forwarded to the secondary school.
 - The child's school report is forwarded which will contain information on Standardised Test Results and also attendance.
- Parents are also asked to complete a form on your child

Please note – The Department of Education have cancelled all School Standardised Testing for this year. Therefore we will be sending on the results of last year's tests to the new school.

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In this envelope you will find:

- Your child's Education Passport Sheet. This should be completed, carefully, by your child and returned to the school in the envelope provided.
- Parental form about your child's transfer. This should also be completed and returned to the school in the envelope provided.
- A stamped addressed envelope to return the forms to the school.
- Size guide for school hoodie (see below)

Please take the time to do this for your child. If we don't receive the forms from you only school reports will be sent.

We normally have a Leavers' Assembly to celebrate the 8 years your child has spent in our school. At the moment we cannot come together for this. We will still be marking this occasion. In the last number of years we purchased school hoodies for the children. We would ask you to let us know which size hoodie would fit your child. Tick one size only (Form attached)

If we don't receive the form back we will presume you don't want the hoodie for your child.

Lastly, we are looking for two photographs of your child. A recent photograph and a photograph from when they were small. They can be emailed to Eilise at

secretaryholyfamilyns@gmail.com

Please only send us on a photograph if you are happy to do so.

Sligo Home Youth Liaison Service are streaming Cyber Safety Talks for parents. They are also hoping to deliver a transfer programme for 6th class children transferring to secondary school. This is available to all pupils by signing into their facebook page – *Home Youth Liaison Service*.

Thank you all for sending your child to our school. It has been a pleasure to share in your child's primary school experience. Stay safe and we hope to see you soon.

Le gach deá ghuí

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