

Holy Family N.S. Tubbercurry, Co. Sligo



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Dear parents/guardians,

I hope you are all keeping well. It feels a long time since we have seen you all. Thanks to everyone who has emailed in messages and photographs to the staff. It has been lovely to see you all. We have put some of the pictures up on our website and it reminds us that we will be all back together soon – hard at work!!

There has been no access to the school since all the schools were closed by the Government. The schools were closed to keep you safe. As there are big groups of children in schools there was a fear that the virus would spread and make many of us very ill. Thankfully, at the moment, Sligo is doing very well. We do need to work hard to make sure this continues! Keep your groups small, keep washing your hands and keep 2 m away from other people.

The staff of our school left to work from home the day the school closed. They are working in their own houses without all the resources they usually have in school. They use their own Wi-Fi- whether it is good or bad. There are no photocopiers at home. We don't have printers for the teachers so if they have a printer it is their own. The staff have all been busy preparing work as well as having staff meetings online and doing online training in the Sligo Education Centre. I want to thank them all for all their work. The kind words of thanks you have sent to them do mean a lot.

Google Classroom was set up for the sharing of school work. Teachers can post work on the site and children can read the work and post work back to their teacher. I know this is new and not the way we want to teach but this is the best we can do at the moment. Some of you have been fantastic and we can see how hard children are working at home. We do all need to try this out. We don't know what September will bring. Children could still be getting work on Google Classroom as well as school work. The app for Google Classroom can also be downloaded to your phone. I strongly recommend that all parents sign in to this account. Our school world is not the same as it was in January.

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Next week the staff may be able to access the school to collect their books/workbooks/files. If they are allowed in, they will pack up school books belonging to your child. The books/copies will be put in a bag and you will get a text telling you when you can collect them.

There is no access to the school for parents or children. Please do not call as you won't be allowed in. This is for Health and Safety reasons.

Our First Communion class were due to make their Communion next week. We have no new date yet for the communion. We know they will be disappointed but the day will be lovely when it comes. Watch our website next week for some lovely First Communion photographs.

Thank you all for your support during this difficult time. We look forward to seeing you all, safe and well, soon.

Take care

Bernadette Ryan