

Letter to Parents/Guardians

23.03.2020

Dear All,

I hope that this letter finds you and your families safe and well during these challenging times.

Our school, along with every other school in the country, closed on March 12th in an effort to stem the spread of Covid-19. The end date of this closure was initially to be 29th March. As a consequence of the brief notice given, each class teacher put together some work for the children to complete up until 29th March.

As you all know, the situation is constantly evolving. The school, however, remains closed. Class teachers are working in their own homes putting together a programme of work for the children in each class on a proposed week by week basis. This work will be posted each week on our website (www.lisronaghns.com), beginning Mon. 30th March, under the heading "Continue Learning At Home". At present there is a list of resources under this heading which you may choose from.

This, I hope, will provide the children with work to keep them going, and is in keeping with DES advice "to provide online resources for students". There are lots of activities listed too which will challenge them creatively, and keep them busy physically.

We are aware that this is not the same as our usual teaching and learning arrangements. However, these are ordinary measures during extraordinary times.

We hope to have the children's books available for collection by next weekend (Fri., Sat. & Sun.). I will confirm time slots later this week.

Some important points to bear in mind:

This is a trying time for all. Children are very sensitive to this. If children are stressed by this work, then leave it, move on and come back to it again. I have

many years experience in this job and I know that children will catch up again with academic work when we eventually return to normality.

In the meantime, look after yourselves and your families, both physically and mentally. Also, I would respectfully ask you to remember that the teachers are doing the best they can with the resources currently available to them. They too have to look after themselves and their families.

Please say "Hi" to our wonderful students- we miss them very much, and wish them, and you all, continuing good health.

Please note, as stated in the correspondence to parents dated 12.03.2020, that ALL queries should be addressed to the school's (new) email address:

lisronaghns63@gmail.com

I will deal with all queries as best I can as soon as I can.

With very best wishes,

Angela McGrath.

Principal.