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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and that neither you, nor your families, have been adversely affected by Covid 19 and the restrictions on our lives.

In many ways it is hard to believe that it is five weeks since we were last in school, and yet it also seems like a long time since we met.

I can assure you that the staff would much rather be back in school, working with the children. We miss seeing their happy faces, listening to their amusing stories and hearing their heart-warming laughter.

But for now the schools remain closed. Remote learning continues.

Every family is different. Each child is different. Although we all have our own particular circumstances, it is important to keep some structure in our day. This is especially true for the children. In order to make 'home schooling' a little easier try to find a time that suits both you and the children – even if that is a short time. A limited, relatively stress-free period is more beneficial than slogging away for hours.

Keep it simple. If you could do a little reading, writing and arithmetic (the 3Rs) each day that would be great. Project work allows for varied interests and talents. But as has been said before gardening, baking and playing board games are also good.

The teachers will continue to post work suggestions on the class blogs, accessible through the school website. While not wishing to overwhelm anyone we are introducing Google Classroom to facilitate some interaction between the children and their teachers, and to offer the children some feedback and encouragement. Please see the accompanying Information Sheet for further details. We look forward to your cooperation in helping us set up Google Classroom so that we can better serve the children and offer a more interactive education to them at this challenging time.

Most importantly we are mindful of every family's mental health. So please do as much or as little of the assigned work as you see fit. It is important to reassure the children that *this will pass* - that they will get to play with their friends again, that they will go to visit their relatives.

Hopefully we will all be together before too long, but in the meantime we must do what is asked of us – stay at home, keep safe and save lives.

Take care,

Geraldine Hetherton

Principal

Dá fhada an lá tagann an tráthnóna.

