Dear Parents,

Firstly, I would like to extend a warm welcome, back to school, to all staff, pupils and parents. We are so grateful to you all for all of your support over the school closure. As we continue, in our endeavours to create a safe learning and working environment, we again will need your support and co-operation. As we try to limit the flow of items between home and school, we have decided to use the Seesaw App to enable our pupils to complete their homework from 5th October 2020.

Pupils will be able to send their homework to their teacher through the SeeSaw app. (Further information and instructions for downloading this app can be found at the end of this email.) You simply log in, take a photo of the completed work and upload to your child’s profile. We ask that you upload that night’s homework before the following morning, ie please upload Monday’s homework before Tuesday morning at 9am.

We are beginning a new reading programme, Accelerated Reader and a new spelling programme, Spellings for Me, this year. Each programme is an individualised programme, tailored to the individual needs of the child. For the week beginning 5th October, we will complete these activities in school, with the children so they can become familiar with each process. The following week, the children will bring home their ‘’Spellings for Me’’ workbook and their AR reading books. The process for return of AR books will be outlined and sent home during the week of 5th October, as the books will need to be quarantined and cleaned on return to school.

Operation Maths ‘’At Home Book’’ will be sent home in the Junior Room. The children may write into this book. Operation Maths ‘’Discovery Book’’ will sent home for Maths homework in the Senior Room. This book is part of the book rental scheme and will need to be returned in June, so I ask you take great care of it and please do not allow the children to write into it. The Senior Room will also receive a writing homework copy and a maths homework copy.

Ríra will be the Irish spelling book from 2nd-6th. It can be written in at all class levels and does not need to be returned to school.

Literacy, Religion, Mental Maths, Tables and Irish spellings ( 2nd-6th) will also be included in the homework at various points. These will be sent home on a sheet. The sheet will not need to be returned to school.

Homework will be uploaded onto SeeSaw and so homework diaries will not be used this year. Please write the date on all pages of work. The children are used to this practice in school.

Also included in the pack today is a Family Well Being Toolkit for your use at home. The children have really been enjoying their Well Being sessions with Ms. O’Hanlon, This is a fantastic resource for home, as we try to continue to make the return to school as easy as possible on the children. We have included a Parental Well Being Questionnaire. We would appreciate it if you would fill in the questionnaire and upload your response to SeeSaw also.

We look forward to working with you all in this new way.

Regards

Emer Quinn

Principal.