



Thomond Primary School

Ballynanty Rd; Limerick.

7th January 2021

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you had a safe and enjoyable Christmas and that you are all doing as well as can be expected at this challenging time. By now you will all be aware that the Minister for Education has announced a school closure for at least the rest of January.

In September we started to get ready for any full or partial closure. We set up the online platform SEESAW, staff completed training and we started using it for homework to ensure that all families and children became familiar with it.

From Monday, at the start of each week, you will receive an email from your child's teacher with the daily schedule for the week. This schedule will also be uploaded to SeeSaw. Please take a photograph of work completed and upload it to SeeSaw for feedback from the teacher. There may be lessons on video conference using ZOOM, the teachers will advise you on procedures around that where relevant. We know that it is a difficult time and families will have different challenges, but we ask you to do your absolute best to facilitate your child in engaging with the programme that the teachers set.

Some children attend support teachers for specific learning programmes. Those teachers will be in contact with you about how they can support your child through the closure period. Where relevant, the support teachers and SNA's will work together on providing individual support.

Most of the children's books are currently in our school building, so over the next few days the staff will prepare a pack for each child which can be collected by you on Monday 11th January between 11am and 1pm at the following collection points;

Junior & Senior Infants	collect from Infant door on Moylish Rd
1 st & 2 nd classes	collect from HALLA door
3 rd & 4 th classes	collect from main reception
5 th & 6 th classes	collect from outside each of the classrooms in Cairdeas

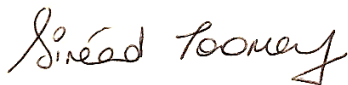
Please wear a face covering & observe social distancing. If you are unable to attend the school at that time due to restricting movements etc... please message me and I will arrange a drop-off for you.

The class and support teachers who work with your children have shared their work email addresses with you and they will continue to communicate with you in this way. If you have any concerns, please contact your child's teachers via their email or through SeeSaw. The school phone is not manned at this time, but I am available to you on thomondps@gmail.com, on the messenger function of our school Facebook page or on 086-458 2178. We have a very skilled and enthusiastic team here who are committed to supporting you as best we can, so please do contact if we can be of assistance in any way.

All pupils in our school are eligible for a food package under the school meals scheme. We are arranging delivery of a 3-week food package next week (date to be confirmed). A text will be sent to you where you can register your interest in receiving the pack. If the closure extends into February a further pack will be arranged.

I would like to thank the staff for their readiness to go online on Monday, for the work they will do in supporting the delivery of the school meals package and the support that I know they will provide to children and families in the coming weeks.

Take care and keep well.



Sinéad Toomey

Principal