

Easter Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope that you and your families are all still well and managing to keep safe. As we now approach the end of what has been a rather strange term, and in view of the recent announcements from the Government, I wanted to write in order to provide you all with an update. Thankfully, we have not had any reported cases of Covid in our school community. As I have said in the past, we all have to play our part in keeping our community safe and well. To help avoid the spread of this deadly virus, we ask that you please follow NPHET advice and reduce contacts. Teachers have become concerned recently at a number of children who have been at play dates, birthday parties and sleepovers which is upsetting for the children of families who are adhering to the guidelines.

However, I wanted to start by thanking you all as parents and guardians for your fantastic support from the beginning of lockdown and right through to the full return of all pupils to school. I am particularly appreciative for everything that you have been doing to support learning from home and working through the return to school, especially if you had some children at home and other children in school simultaneously. I know how difficult it is to juggle working from home with supporting your own children with their schooling, and this is of course in addition to dealing with all of the normal challenges of family life. The school has also received many of messages of thanks and support from so many of you during lockdown, and these are all received very gratefully indeed. Thank you.

I would like to thank once again all of the teaching staff who have continued to work exceptionally hard to ensure that the students are able to continue with their studies through these very challenging times.

I would encourage all of our students and teachers to use the time to rest over the Easter break and recharge in preparation for the Summer Term.

I am very mindful that these continue to be unsettling and difficult times for students, staff and parents. However, through working together so positively over these recent months we have demonstrated just how much can be achieved within such a

cohesive, assured, caring and supportive community such as ours, and from this we should continue to draw much strength.

Staffing: I would like to thank Mr. Cooney for all of his fantastic work since joining our staff September last. It was a pleasure to have you as part of our staff. Hopefully we might see you again in the not too distant future. Mr Cooney was substitute teacher for Ms. Murray's maternity leave. I would like to welcome Ms Murray back to school and would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Ms Murray on the birth of her daughter Isla.

Please do remember to contact us if you need any support. In the meantime, I send my very best wishes to you and your families for a safe, happy and restful Easter break.

Dominic Gallagher.