



Parteen National School

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### **School Community Newsletter**

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#### **School Closure**

By now you will all be aware that the Minister of Education has announced a school closure for at least the rest of January. We sincerely hope that you are all doing as well as can be expected.

#### **Remote Learning**

In September, we started to get ready for any full or partial closure. All staff completed training in Google Classroom and we started to use it for homework/ photos/ videos to ensure all families and children became familiar with it. All staff had meetings online today where we made our final preparations. I would like to thank and commend all staff for their readiness to go online on Monday.

#### **Classes**

Each day, all class teachers will release teaching videos, made by them, for Irish, English, Maths and one other subject. They will rotate the fourth subject daily. For example, Monday may be History, Tuesday may be Art etc. We know families are in very difficult circumstances. We ask that you do your very best to facilitate your child to watch these videos and engage in the activities the teachers set. Please take a photo of the work completed and upload it to Google Classroom for feedback from the teacher.

#### **Support Settings**

Support teachers will continue to implement their specific learning programmes for the groups of children and individual children they teach. This will also be done using features on Google Classroom and they will engage with parents/ guardians on what suits best. Where

relevant, the support teachers and the special needs assistants will work together on providing individual support.

### **Assemblies**

We will be conducting live school assemblies each week using Google Meet, through Google Classroom. You will be texted the day before so you have plenty of notice. These are totally optional so do not feel pressure to join.

### **Book Collection**

Before Christmas, we sent home all relevant books. If your child was absent, please email the class teacher directly and let them know what you need. The class teacher will then tell you if you do need that book. The class teachers will then contact us and we will arrange the book collection.

### **Staffing**

We welcome Ms Cuddy back from her maternity leave. We congratulate Ms Gallagher on her appointment to a school closer to home and thank her for her great work. Ms. Andrews will now take over Ms Gallagher's caseload.

### **Contact**

To contact the school for general queries, contact [parteenoffice@gmail.com](mailto:parteenoffice@gmail.com), or call 0861855063 during school hours.

For other queries, contact the relevant teacher through their email:

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### **Enrolment**

If you have a child to enrol, please email [parteenoffice@gmail.com](mailto:parteenoffice@gmail.com) for an application form. The School Admissions Policy and Admissions Notice is on [www.parteenschool.ie](http://www.parteenschool.ie). Please pass this message on to friends/ neighbours who do not have children currently in the school.

Stay safe,

Ger and Mairéad