

# **Edenderry Primary School**

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#### **Dear Parent**

I am writing to confirm that school will be closed from Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October as part of the COVID 19 lockdown. The Department of Education have instructed that schools will close from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October and reopen on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. School was scheduled to be closed from Thurs 22nd October to Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. During this period no child should be in the school grounds or on premises without permission.

The Department of Education have instructed that the week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> October is to be taken as a holiday. Therefore, no work will be sent home for this period and no school will be offering Key Worker Support.

Whilst it is our hope that schools will reopen on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, we have to plan for a further extension to this period of lockdown which would then extend into mid/late November.

To that end your child's teacher may send home some additional reading books and in some year classes/groups (P1 and Learning Support Centres) additional work packs. These materials are only to be used from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November in the event of the school closure being extended. If not required for home use we would ask that the packs be returned to the class teacher following the return to school on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

We would ask that all school reading books be stored safely over the period of closure to avoid damage or loss. Please note that any lost or significantly damaged books will have to be replaced. This will likely mean a charge of £5 per book lost or damaged beyond repair for parents.

### **Home School Learning**

In the event of an extension to the lockdown, as a school we will be operating the following learning platforms:

P1 - P3

www.edenderry.org Home Learning Page

Password Ed20 Tech

P4 - P7

Google Classroom

Please read carefully the following instructions for parents on the use of each learning platform. These are:

- Uploading to <u>www.edenderry.org</u> P1 P3
- Google Classroom Home Learning Helpsheet (Laptop/Desktop)
- Google Classroom Home Learning Helpsheet (iPad/Tablet)

## Class Codes (if needed) - Google Classroom Only

P4 Mr Mitchell **qbadl3e**Mrs McClelland/Chamberlain **vcjexrh** 

P5 Mrs Robb **73zzb3b**Mrs Kinkead/Fleming **uwlhr76** 

P6 Mrs Kennedy **ay5mbly** Mr Mullan **xzks2lh** 

P7 Mr McClean jyioxz7
Miss McClelland j7v747t

Each teacher will send home a blank exercise book for work to be completed in when children are working off a screen.

## **Connecting to Home**

Today, Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October, each teacher from P2 – P7 will issue a homework to confirm the connection between school and home. This is a short piece of work entitled "All about Me". It is vital that this work is returned promptly so that each teacher has confirmation of connectivity for each pupil in the class.

Please read the instructions carefully with your child when submitting a response today.

Yours sincerely
STEPHEN DOYLE
Principal