

Dear Parents,

20th April, 2020

We are delighted to welcome you back to a new school term, although in a somewhat different setting. We hope this newsletter finds you and all your family well and healthy.

We are very aware that everyone is adapting to a new reality and this reality is very different in every home. Some of us who had one job are now multi-tasking, instead of going out to work, dropping children to school, childcare, etc, are now trying to work from home, minding children, home-schooling, being carers as well as cooking, cleaning, etc. Instead of one job, some of you are doing more than ever.

Our sincere thanks to everyone working on the frontline and keeping essential services functioning.

We thank all of you who forwarded some of the work completed by your children last term. It was lovely to see what they have been doing and some have been very busy.

Mindful that everyone is responding to changing conditions, the homework assigned is a **guideline, a menu of suitable activities. Please modify it to suit your particular circumstances.** We have been blessed during this pandemic with good weather and it is also important to take advantage of this. Getting children focused may still be challenging and as mentioned previously educational toys (Lego, jigsaws, any puzzles) to educational websites are suitable alternatives. We are hoping to keep the children in touch with learning through assigning work **and in no way wish to increase stress on anyone** at this time. **Do what works for you.** The RTE Home School Hub is an excellent resource, particularly if children are allowed to respond to it as they wish.

We look forward to hearing from you, seeing some of the children's work and at the risk of sounding like a broken record, please try and keep your child reading at this time; this is the most important activity for all.

Communion 2020

Due to the current ongoing public health emergency the First Holy Communion scheduled for the 30th May 2020 has been postponed, date to be decided.

Wishing you continued health and safety during these days,

Stay Home and Stay Safe,

Helen Kelly.