



St. Brigid's Primary School

The Coombe, Dublin 8

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11th November 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you all for your continued support as we navigate our way through these challenging times. I just have a few reminders below as we set into the winter term. We would just like to draw your attention again to some of the HSE guidelines in relation to COVID-19 and schools. We are currently taking every precaution to minimise the risk to our school community. The children are washing their hands regularly, the school is cleaned thoroughly daily and each class teacher cleans surfaces and resources regularly throughout the day. In addition to that, the hand sanitizer we are using is recommended by the Dept. of Education, it is hypoallergenic and alcohol free. The brand name is 'ClearRite' if you would like to look it up further at home. We must also insist that you please wear a mask when collecting your child from the yard/avenue and do your best to maintain 2 metres social distance at all times.

We can assure you that the children do not mix outside of their class bubbles when in the yard and in the classroom, they are in smaller pods yet again. In order to assist us as we do our best to keep everyone safe, please do not send your child to school if they are displaying any symptoms of COVID-19. Further to that, please do keep us informed if your child has to go for a test. The Public Health teams are doing their best, but the sooner the information reaches us, the sooner we can act accordingly. Further information in relation to COVID-19 can be found at <https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/protecting-your-child.html>

The introduction of the online learning platform Seesaw has been very successful so far and we have had great feedback from both parents and children. This is the main way that teachers will set work and activities for the children in the event of any further classes needing to be sent home. Going forward, to make sure that we are all familiar with Seesaw, the children will be assigned at least one activity a week to complete via the app. If you are not yet set up on the app, please contact your class teacher for your child's code.

This week, the children from 3rd – 6th class participated in online Cyber Safe workshops and they learned all about how to stay safe online. Please remind your child that when they're using Seesaw, they must behave as if they were presenting their work to their teacher in school. It is not a social media platform it is an educational tool. Please take a look at our acceptable usage policy on our website for further information on our expectations in this regard.

Traditionally we would be getting ready to host our Parent Teacher meetings around this time of the year, but due to Covid-19 restrictions we will postpone these for now and review the situation again in the spring. If needs be, we will look into alternative options to facilitate the Parent Teacher meetings for this year. Finally, we are delighted to say that we are now up and running on Instagram! Please give us a follow and check in regularly @stbrigidsthecoombe We are looking forward to keeping you up to date with information for parents and photos of all the exciting activities your children are getting up to in school.

Keep in touch and best wishes!

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