

St. Mary's Primary School Cabragh

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We have created a contingency plan for the delivery of remote learning in the event of school closure or in the event of pupils /class bubbles needing to self- isolate due to COVID-19.

St. Mary's will deliver remote learning via the e-learning platform, '**Google Classroom**' if your child/children cannot attend school due to COVID-19.

St. Mary's will provide a remote learning programme:

- If an individual child or class bubble has to self-isolate for a designated period due to COVID-19.
 - positive test of a pupil or staff member in school
 - isolating due to a family member having a positive test result
 - contacted by Test and Trace as a result of contact with someone who has tested positive
- If a number of pupils or a number of class bubbles need to self-isolate.
- In the event of a school closure.

The staff in St. Mary's Primary School, have been working very hard to ensure a smooth transition to remote learning as soon as it is required for a particular class or bubble or indeed the whole school.

We recognise that the use of e-learning platforms such as 'Google Classroom' can increase the quality and quantity of remote learning that pupils undertake and can motivate pupils, establish daily routine, help keep pupils engaged and enhance the pupil's learning experiences.

All pupils in St. Mary's should have received their 'Google Classroom' invitations and should be able to access the virtual classroom using the help sheet that was provided by each class teacher. It is vitally important that all children sign in to Google Classroom, as teachers will be using it for remote learning in the event of any pupils or class bubbles having to self-isolate due to COVID-19.

Teachers have or will be asking you to become fully operational with "Google Classroom" as soon as possible. They will ask for a response from you to confirm that you are up and running with two-way communication via the platform.

The teachers in St. Mary's have been uploading one piece of homework a week onto Google Classroom, so that the parents and children become familiar with this new online learning platform.

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It is vitally important that if teaching and learning is switched to the remote learning approach, that parents ensure that children are completing the work that is provided by the class teacher on Google Classroom.

Children who engage with their online home learning each day, during any periods of self-isolation or school closure due to COVID-19, will be marked present. DE Guidance states that failure to complete work and engage with remote learning programmes will be seen as non-attendance and the Education Welfare Officer may become involved.

In a remote learning approach, parents have an important role to play in the learning process. It is important that daily routines are established and that children are guided through their lessons that have been uploaded on Google Classroom.

If you are having any difficulty accessing Google Classroom please contact the school immediately so that we can help you to resolve any technical issues.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards,

Louise Quinn