



Scoil Oilibhéir

SCHOOL CLOSURE MEMO 8

Dear Parents,

I hope you and your families had a nice weekend and enjoyed the fine weather.

Firstly, I would like to sincerely thank all of those parents who responded to our brief questionnaire in last week's memo. Your feedback is extremely valuable to us. I would like to address some common issues which cropped up in your replies.

- If you do not get to the Seesaw work every day due to connectivity or other problems, please don't be concerned. Just let a message for the teacher on Seesaw explaining the issue and it will be fine. If your child requires extra work please go to our website where you will find a myriad of activities which will suit your child's needs.
- The teachers are focussing on the core subjects of literacy, numeracy and Irish at the moment in the work they are setting through Seesaw. The reason for this is to ensure that the children reach as many of the curricular milestones as are possible within the online environment. Please remember that no online platform replicates the classroom experience so we all have to be realistic in terms of our expectations. Seesaw is not intended to replace school, but it is intended to keep the educational focus on the areas which the teachers feel can be completed via an online learning platform.
- Parents can rest assured that we are planning already for the structure of the coming school year so that a contingency plan is in place to ensure that teachers do not move on to any new material with their new class, until they are satisfied that the material from this year is covered properly.
- Zoom meetings arranged by teachers with pupils will not be possible. Parents can arrange such meeting among your child's friends through your own contacts.
- We are not forgetting about our wonderful 6th class pupils who will not have the chance to meet together in the school before June 30th. In an effort to mark their time with us in Scoil Oilibhéir, we will be inviting all of them and their parents to an evening event in the school hall once we are settled back to school in the autumn. Teachers and SNAs will be on hand to welcome the boys and girls and their parents and we will have a graduation ceremony as well as refreshments and a nice social gathering. Parents will also have the option to purchase a "Class of 2020" commemorative hoodie with the names of all pupils in 6th class printed on the back. The teachers are also working on a surprise multimedia item which they hope to put on the website before the end of June.

Le dea-mhéin,

Principal.