

# ANNAGH NATIONAL SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

- Our on-line programme will recommence on Monday. Our classes from Junior Infants to Second Class will receive work through Seesaw, while our 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> classes will receive work through Google Classroom, from their Class Teachers.

-Our Remote Learning Policy is available on our website under the Parents tab, for your perusal.

-If any of our **new** families have not signed the **Consent Form for allowing us to use online Platforms with your children**, please go to [www.annaghns.com](http://www.annaghns.com). Under the Parents tab you will find the Consent Form, which you can fill in online and press the blue Submit button, at the bottom of the form. We thank you for your co-operation in this regard.

-We understand that many of our families are facing the same challenges as last time, ie. Households with a number of children with limited access to suitable devices, Households with Secondary pupils preparing for exams who need priority, inadequate Broadband, parents trying to work from home or parents having to travel to work while leaving their children at home.

-So initially each of our Staff will issue work on a Monday to cover two days and again on Wednesday to cover three days. Completed work will be returned to the Class Teacher in the format and by the date directed by the teacher. If your child is not engaging regularly, the Class Teacher will contact you, to ascertain if we can be of further assistance.

-Our Support Teachers will continue to support the pupils in their caseloads.

-In order to facilitate the collection of your children's books and copies from Annagh NS, you will find them in a plastic bag or bucket with their name, inside the double white doors, in the small porch. Each class will have their own separate box. The books will be available for collection from **9am until 6pm on Sunday**.

-Sunday is the only day we have available for collection currently, due to the ongoing building work which began on the day we got the holidays. **Please note;** we respectfully request that only one family should enter the porch at a time, while collecting the books and please wear a mask.

-All the main textbook companies have made their textbooks available online during this lockdown, ie. Folens, C.J.Fallons, Edco and Gill.

-On a positive note, while the Lockdown is not in anyone's interest, it will provide opportunities for your children to focus on areas of particular interest to them, from learning an instrument, to baking, (which is a science experiment), from Art and Physical exercise to reading and writing. The list is endless.

-All our classes have online access to Mathletics and 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> classes have online access to Accelerated Reader, and Spellings for Me. Each child should spend a short period of time on these three sites daily even without their Teacher's direction. Each Class Teacher can monitor what your child does on these sites daily. So already we have in place, proven online

educational tools to help your child progress, at their own rate, during this lockdown. Most of our children love working on these sites, but they will need your encouragement and support.

-If any child has forgotten their Usernames or Passwords for any of these three sites, please send an email to their Class Teacher or use Seesaw. Each Teachers email ie, **their full name followed by @annaghns.com.**

-Some of our pupils are also on an online typing Programme titled TTRS, while others are on Programmes like Toe by Toe or Snip, which are evidence based resources, promoted by NEPS. We ask that you encourage your child to continue using them daily.

-There are two Padlets of approved websites available on our website also, under the Pupils tab, in Activities, for your perusal.

-RTE and Tg4 intend to provide educational programmes.

-So we can all curse the darkness of the lockdown or light an educational candle and inspire our children to develop and improve themselves in many different ways with the tools and activities at their disposal, during this lockdown.

- While we miss all our pupils and would prefer to meet them in person at school next week and hear all about Santa, we have to accept this lockdown in the interest of the most vulnerable in our Community. We think of all our families who have Frontline workers and who put themselves in jeopardy daily. Hopefully it will all pass and our Community will remain safe and healthy in the meantime.

Athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh.

Michael King  
(Principal)