5th June 2020

Dear Parents,

I hope this letter finds you and all your family well. Thank you all very much for your continued support and hard work over the past few weeks. It is hard to believe that we are now into our final month of the school year! We continue to miss the children very much and they remain in the thoughts of our staff every day.

**Update**

The Minister for Education has announced that schools will remain closed until mid-August at the earliest. To date, there has been no definitive guidance as to the structure of school returns, however, it is likely that such a return will be phased and that an element of remote learning will continue. I hope to write to you before the end of the year to give an update as to how this might look. I will also explain the class structure for next year. This letter will accompany your child’s annual school report.

**End of year Collection**

School reports along with schoolbooks from this year will be available for collection in the assembly hall on Wednesday 24th of June. We recommend that you bring your child’s empty schoolbag with you to collect their books.

**P7 Post-Primary Transfer**

Parents of Primary 7 children will have received their post-primary placement letters at this stage. If you have not received your letter, please contact the school and I will be able to provide you with the information. I will also be on hand to support you with any questions or queries. Post-primary schools will make contact with you to explain their arrangements for induction days etc.

**Primary Seven Leavers**

We are so sad that we are not in school for the final month of the school year. There was so much to look forward to – End of year school trip, tournaments, fun days, Leavers’ Assembly, Sports Day and so much more. All the staff and I share this disappointment with the children and wish we were able to celebrate these joyous and memorable final weeks in Primary 7. We are currently working on some ideas to help the children mark their final year in Primary School and will be in touch with the children very soon.

**Virtual Sports Day**

We will be launching our ‘Virtual Sports Day’ on Monday 15th June. We hope that you will all take part in the fun events and submit your entries by 2pm on Friday 19th June at the latest. More details on the sports day events to follow.

**Primary 1 Induction Day**

We had been hoping to hold our Primary 1 Induction Day before the end of June. Due to the Minister’s decision, this date has had to be revised and it should take place in August. We will be in touch with all parents in due course. I understand that this may be an anxious time for you and your child, but we will do everything we can to make your child’s transition to school as smooth as possible.

**Home Learning**

We will continue to update the Home Learning section of the school website. Remember to upload your child’s work to our school website as this will enable teachers to give feedback on tasks completed. If you have any queries regarding the home learning tasks or passwords which you may need, please don’t hesitate to get in touch.

**Communion / Confirmation**

It is still unclear as to when and how the important Primary 4 and 7 sacraments will take place. As soon as we have more information it will be shared with you.

In the meantime, we continue to keep all our families in our thoughts and prayers. We ask God to keep our entire school community safe.

Best wishes

Kieran McCrory

Principal