



20th March 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

In these strange and difficult times things are changing for everyone. We too must change and adapt to how we can support both your child's learning and their wellbeing. Few, if any of us, could have foreseen how rapidly the situation would unfold and indeed much of the near future is also uncertain.

Our school is too quiet especially for a Friday!! But I am certain that we will get through this and normality will return. Please tell this to your children and also tell them that we miss them even if they may not all be missing us just yet. We are also enclosing advice from the Department of Education and Skills regarding **Talking to Children and Young People About COVID-19**.

The attached letter outlines the **Aladdin App** which we will be using as the primary means of communicating with each family. It is something that we were exploring due to the many advantages outlined in the attached letter and in the current situation it will be extremely effective.

Next Tuesday 24th March 2020 you will receive a text message with instructions on how to register for the App. Please follow these instructions carefully.

It will be necessary to send home the appropriate books and materials to support your child. To enable this, the school will **only** be open on **Tuesday 24th March 2020** at the following times for book/resource collection which will take place from the school hall. Your child's books will be in an individual bundle on the school hall floor and staff members will be available to assist.

Strict social distancing rules will apply including the following;

- Only one adult per household.
- No children are permitted in the school.
- Entry and exit will be via the school hall emergency exit doors which are located at the rear of the building.
- Please queue in accordance with the markings that will be in place, if necessary.
- Hand sanitizer will be available if required.

The following times are a guideline which should hopefully avoid congestion or overcrowding, but you may come any time between 10.00 am – 6.00 pm.

Class	Allocated Time
Junior Infants	10.00 am – 11.00 am
Senior Infants	11.00 am – 12.00 noon
1 st Class	12.00 noon – 1.00 pm
2 nd Class	1.00 pm – 2.00 pm
3 rd Class	2.00 pm – 3.00 pm
4 th Class	3.00 pm – 4.00 pm
5 th Class	4.00 pm – 5.00 pm
6 th Class	5.00 pm – 6.00 pm

Once you have collected your children's books and the Aladdin App is up and running you will receive regular clear instructions from your child's class teacher. Remember if you have any reason to contact the school, please do so by email scoileoghain@gmail.com or Sabrina Doherty, HSCL on 086-6103218.

We hope that these steps will help but remember everyone's health and safety is the ultimate priority in the times ahead.

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