

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope that you are all keeping safe and well. From Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January, we switch to Remote Learning due to the current Covid-19 situation. School books can be collected on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January and we will be using Google Classroom to facilitate Remote Learning.

### **Google Classroom**

Each child received a newtownprimary email address before Christmas. Many of you have already used this to log into Google Classroom to view your child's Christmas play. This email address will allow you to access Google Classroom during this period of Remote Learning. Information on how to log into Google Classroom is available on our school website. Teachers will post lessons and activities on Google Classroom daily. If you have any difficulties in accessing Google Classroom, please email [c19parentsupport@newtownprimary.ie](mailto:c19parentsupport@newtownprimary.ie).

### **Google Meet**

Teachers will be using Google Meet (a feature of Google Classroom) for live video calls with their class each day during this period of Remote Learning. We have staggered the times of these video calls to try to facilitate families with more than one child. Teachers will host these calls at the same time every day.

### **Timetable for Google Meet Videos (Monday – Friday)**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Class</b>
9.00am	All ASD classes
9.30am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class
10.00am	Senior Infants and 6 <sup>th</sup> Class
10.30am	1 <sup>st</sup> Class
11.00am	4 <sup>th</sup> Class
11.30am	Junior Infants
12.00pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Class
1.30pm	5 <sup>th</sup> Class

### **School Website**

We will update our school website [www.newtownprimary.ie](http://www.newtownprimary.ie) regularly throughout this period. Teachers will also be updating Class Blogs. If your child would like to send photos of completed work for the school website, please email your child's class teacher.

### **Remote Learning**

If at any time you find this work too much or your child is struggling with it, please take a break and contact us. Teachers are available to support you and your child during this time. They can be contacted via their newtownprimary email address - you will find this information on the class blog page. Our Special Education Teachers are also available to support parents and children. Our SNAs are also available to support children remotely.

Teachers will try to answer your questions in a timely manner. As it is a challenging time for everyone, it may take us a little longer than usual to get back to you. Please bear with us.

We do not wish to bring any stress or anxiety into your home. If you cannot do school work or activities at home, please do not worry. The health and well-being of you and your family must always be the top priority. We are mindful that different children will be able to complete different amounts of work during this period of Remote Learning. As a school we take a child-centred approach to teaching and learning. We will adapt and differentiate all our lessons to take into account where your child is at with regard to their learning following this period of Remote Learning.

### **Carambola Food Packs**

Carambola (our school provider) will once again provide 20-day food packs to families in our school. These packs will include Breakfast and Lunch items, as well as treats. Please email [schoollunches@newtownprimary.ie](mailto:schoollunches@newtownprimary.ie) if you would like to receive one of these packs. These packs will be delivered by a Carambola courier to your home.

I hope that you all continue to stay safe and well during this time. We appreciate your ongoing support and co-operation.

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Deirdre Lennon,  
School Principal.