



# Clare Primary School

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Miss S Lindsay (Principal)

Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2020.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for being part of our school community throughout this academic year to date and I feel it is important at times like this to draw strength and support from each other. During this difficult time of school closure, I will be available for contact via the school Facebook app and through the school email address:

[info@clareps.tandragee.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@clareps.tandragee.ni.sch.uk)

As a primary school, we are not established for long distance/remote learning. To make this as manageable for parents and children alike, we have planned the following:

## Work From Home Packs

We will distribute packs for children to cover 2 weeks work at a time, as the closure is for an indefinite period. This is to make the workload manageable for both parents and children. The main focus of these packs will be literacy and numeracy.

Packs will be downloadable from the school website in pdf format. To access please go to <https://www.clareprimary.com/> then click on the 'Home Learning' tab. You will then be prompted for a password which is **clareps2020**

- \* Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March (Today)- Pack 1 has been issued, the duration of work provided is 2 weeks.
- \* Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - 9am – 12 noon, return Pack 1 for marking and collect Pack 2 (duration of work provided is 2 weeks, to be completed 20<sup>th</sup> April – 1<sup>st</sup> May). Please note there is no work set over the Easter holidays (6<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> April).
- \* Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May – return Pack 2 for marking, collect Pack 3.

As the duration of closure is uncertain, if any further arrangements are required after this date, further communication will be made.

## My School (All pupils)

This is how children can access resources that they use in school. The children simply open an internet browser, type in **my school log in** and then enter their details given on the slip of paper in the envelope with this letter. They can then access packages like Word and PowerPoint.

## Education City (All pupils)

This is a fantastic resource that we have used previously in classroom and occasionally for homework. The arrangements for use of Education City have changed. The children may select activities to support their learning. This is currently available for Literacy and Numeracy work. To access this support simply type **Education City log in** to your internet browser and enter the login details sent home on the second slip of paper in this envelope.



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## School Website Home Resources

An additional feature on our website has been added and is accessible via the Home Learning tab. A duplicate copy of the work sent home today with the children will be available in a pdf on this area of the page. This is set by year group not class, please note we are not sure how well this feature will work and it is something we have to try and figure out remotely. There are a list of excellent websites and apps for home learning support.

The work will not always be differentiated and children may require some additional adult support or extension activities depending on their individual abilities.

## Daily Routine

Whilst it is important to continue your child's education, please note there are a range of ways to do this, it is not just all computer/tablet/worksheet based. For example, do a family workout (there are plenty of options online), make sure children get some fresh air (whilst respecting social distancing) your own garden is perfect. Please do respect guidelines for screen time and the age of your child(ren). Take this time to be creative with crafts and art, cookery, baking, telling the time, measuring ingredients, counting money or enjoying a book. The school looks after development of the whole child not just their academic needs.

## Reminders:

Please return all reading books to school when collecting your pack.

\* P6 & P7 please return all musical instruments to school.

\* Remember to log on to Opus to order your school photos as this will be an important keepsake if we are off for a long period of times.

\* If you wish to continue following the topics taught in your child's year group, please refer to the trifold leaflet provided at the start of the year. These are also available to download from the school website.

From all the staff and the Board of Governors at Clare Primary School we thank you for your patience and understanding for all the short notice changes to date, of which I am sure there will be more to come as we are in a rapidly developing situation. We hope you stay safe during these unknown times.

Kind regards,

Shona Lindsay  
Principal