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A Thuismitheoirí/Dear Parents,

We would like to wish you and your family the best at this very difficult time. To say we are living in challenging times is an understatement. We hope that you are coping as best you can with social distancing and the limits which have been put on your lives for the greater good.

It seems obvious at this stage that school closures will extend beyond March 29th. We have no official confirmation of this and we will of course let you know as soon as we know ourselves.

Given the nature of teaching and learning that takes place at primary level, wherein learning occurs incrementally and significant value lies in the interaction between the teacher and pupils within the classroom environment, it is not feasible for teachers to assign work to pupils to cover the curriculum as a replacement for teaching.

Therefore, the homework that we will be setting from now on will be restricted to revision of work already covered in the classroom. We will keep the workload light, as we do not wish to add stress to families at this difficult time. Please continue to visit our website every Monday to see assigned homework. We feel that a small bit of revision will be of benefit to the children, but we do not want to put any pressure on families at a very stressful time.

I want to take this opportunity to reassure you that when we do return to school we will be wholly committed to catching the children up in their schooling.

Is Mise,
Bernard O'Connell