



BALLYKELLY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our mission above all is to: Provide a caring secure environment where individuals of all backgrounds, races and religions can feel welcome and valued and are encouraged to learn and to develop to their full potential.

19th March 2020

Dear Parent/ Guardian

Now that the government has made the decision to close all schools in NI, we find ourselves in completely new territory. We want to support you as you home school your children and update you as the situation develops. We feel sad and anxious just now, but all of us must take the advice given by our medical workforce to stay safe and get through this crisis. The staff have prepared some booklets with lots of ideas to keep children busy at home. There are also suggestions for online apps and resources you may find useful. We also want to encourage children to post pictures of things they are doing at home so we can give them encouragement and praise. These booklets will be uploaded to our website on Monday. We will also share lots of ideas on our Facebook page.

On Friday 20 March, staff have agreed to come to school and distribute paper copies of the booklets for each key stage. We also have work photocopied for P6 children preparing for the AQE exam and an Easter Egg challenge for P6&7.

Parents can come to the main front door and collect packs, P6 tests and P6 & P7 Easter eggs at the following times. (see below).

Please note if you have children in more than one class, choose one time and come only ONCE and collect the packs for all your children. We ask you to keep your 2 metre distance as you form a queue, with only one parent entering the office foyer at a time.

Remember the packs will also be uploaded to the school website on Monday, so it is not essential for you to come to school to get a paper copy with the exception of Nursery, P1&2, P6 transfer pupils and P6 and P7s Easter egg challenge.

P6 & P7- 9 to 10.30am

P5- 10.45 to 11.15am

P3 & P4 11.30- 12.30pm

P1& P2- 12.45- 1.45pm

Nursery- 2-2.30pm

Remember, choose one time slot if you have more than one child.

You can return any Pin, Thinking skills games, storysacks and reading books if you're coming to school or just keep them safe until school re-opens.

Take care and keep in touch.

Yours sincerely

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