

DISTANCE LEARNING



6th April, 2020

Dear parent/guardian,

I hope you and your family are safe and well. I am writing on behalf of the school to update you on our plans to support your child's learning for as long as schools remain closed.

Firstly, I wish to thank parents for the wonderful work that they are doing at home with their children during this challenging time. These are unprecedented times and you and your child are doing the very best you can.

Up to this point, teachers have been placing suggested work for your child on the class blogs at www.greenmount.ie. We are conscious that we wish to allow children receive feedback on their work and also allow parents to link with the relevant teachers if they have queries or need advice. With this in mind, the **staff and I have made the following plan to support your child's learning from after the Easter holidays.**

Junior Infants to 2nd Class

Your class teacher will continue to put suggested work for your child on the relevant class blog at www.greenmount.ie under "Classes" so keep an eye on this on the school website. Your child's class teacher will text you their email address. If you want your child to have feedback, you can email a photo or sample of their work and the teacher will get back to you as soon as they can. You can also seek advice on supporting your child's learning as needed.

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3rd to 6th Class

3rd class are already using Google Classroom, which allows pupils to join a virtual class, where teacher can post work, link with pupils, offer feedback, etc. We propose to extend Google Classroom to 4th, 5th and 6th.

The parents of 4th, 5th and 6th will be texted a code, which they can use to join their child in their teacher's Google Classroom at <https://classroom.google.com/>. In order to join, you or your child will require a gmail account. If you don't have a gmail account for your child, we would ask that you please set one up over the Easter holidays so that you are ready when you receive the code to join the class. This can be done at:

<https://accounts.google.com/signup/v2/webcreateaccount?flowName=GlifWebSignIn&flowEntry=SignUp>

Once your child is joined to their teacher's Google Classroom, their teacher can assign projects, work and learning tasks, while also giving valuable feedback for their learning.

We are thinking of you all and please say hello to your child from us and tell them that we are really looking forward to school life returning to normal. Please remember we fully understand that your child's health and happiness are your first priority.

I am aware that these challenging times can bring new and varied difficulties into our lives. I have built good links with local supports so if I can be of any assistance to you, please email your query to oifig@greenmount.ie

Keep safe and may Muire na nGrás watch over us all,

Finbarr and all the staff at Greenmount N.S.