

Lissan Primary School

Together we learn, grow and play in God's love and care.



29th June 2020

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

I hope you and your families are safe and well. Thank you to all of you for engaging with our "Home School" activities and ensuring the continuation of your child's learning. You have supported your children on so many levels and in so many ways, through the most challenging of times.

All our staff are very much looking forward to welcoming the children back to school. The Department of Education released guidance on Friday 19th June that will enable us to proceed with detailed planning for all pupils' return to school. It is our aim to get all pupils back to school as safely as possible in the new academic year.

Primary 7 pupils will return to school on Monday 24th August. I will continue to update you over the summer as to what their school day will look like for that week.

In addition, I will keep you informed throughout the summer in relation to "return to school procedures" for all other year groups and the new regulations that may be in place in school. At present, all other year groups will begin on Thursday 27th August. When the children do return to school, a recovery curriculum will be planned for and delivered, to ensure that any learning that has been missed is addressed. At the same time teachers will be planning to ensure the curriculum for their current year is also progressed. They will manage this at a pace that is achievable for all children.



Sacrament of Confirmation

The sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated for present Primary 7 children on Saturday 29th August 2020 in St. Michael's Church at 11am. Families will have their own pew. Due to Covid 19 restrictions, only immediate family and the child's sponsor may attend. There will be a rehearsal for the 2019/20 P7 pupils in the week beginning 24th August. I will contact all families closer to the time.

Sacrament of First Communion



The sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Saturday 22nd August in St Michael's Church at 11am. There will be restrictions around who is able to attend depending on "Social Distancing" guidelines at the time. I will continue to keep you informed over the summer.

Home-School Learning

The home-school area will be available all summer for children to continue to use. Accelerated Reader and Mathletics will not be monitored over the summer months but will be back up and running when the children return to school. I would like to thank the staff for working tirelessly over the summer to provide engaging and challenging teaching experiences.

ONLINE SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN ENTERING YEAR 7

The Department of Education (DE) has proposed a scheme whereby all current year 6 children and their parents may access online learning programmes in English and maths.

Children will require access to a tablet, laptop or smart phone to access the programmes. Parental engagement with this scheme is **optional**.

As with the use of any online programme or application it will be important that parents consider both appropriate levels of screen time and their child's online safety. Parents may find the EA online safety guidance material **useful**:

<https://ineqe.com/safeguarding-hub/>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

MATHEMATICS MASTERY:

Mathematics Mastery provides a structured programme for **literacy** and numeracy and step by step guides for parents.

Parental access to the programme is straight forward, there is no need to register just access the 'Free Covid-19 Resources' at the top of the Mathematics Mastery homepage:

<https://www.mathematicsmastery.org/>

There are two maths packs for each year group, one has the guidance pages and the other the pupil resources. Parents need to access both packs as the pupils' packs do not make sense without the guidance. To reduce printing, the guidance packs can be accessed digitally as they contain embedded video links.

There are also two literacy packs with the guidance included.

Year 5 [approximately equivalent to year 6 in NI] printable packs

- Maths Year 5 Weeks 1-4 Guidance pack (easy for parents/guardians to guide learning)
- Maths Year 5 Weeks 1-4 Pupil pack
- Maths Year 5 Weeks 5-9 Guidance pack (easy for parents/guardians to guide learning)
- Maths Year 5 Week 5-9 Pupil pack
- English Year 5 Workbook (week 1-4) (guidance included)
- English Year 5 Workbook (week 5-9) (guidance included)

These resources are completely optional – there is no expectation from the school that the activities are completed.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all the staff for their hard work and dedication over this challenging time. Thank you to all our families who have continued to support us over this academic year.

I wish you all a relaxing summer and look forward to seeing you all at the end of the summer. If you have any concerns or queries, please feel free to contact me cmcintyre695@c2kni.net

Kindest Regards,

Ciara McIntyre

Principal



