

# BALLYORAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian

## Online Home Learning

I hope that you and your family are well in these challenging days.

We are now one week into Online Home Learning and many pupils have engaged with this and I want to thank you for encouraging your pupils to do this and ask you to please ensure that they log on every day and complete their work. Unfortunately, however a significant number of pupils have not engaged yet and I would ask that the parents of those children ensure that they get logged on as soon as possible.

I am aware that there were some difficulties with Google Classroom logon details but these have been resolved for those parents who contacted the school. If you are having difficulties logging on to Google Classroom and have not yet contacted the school, please do so and your child's teacher will sort it out.

Detailed Online Home Learning Guidance including help sheets for accessing Google Classroom have been published on the school website at

<https://tinyurl.com/y538b99n>

The Education Authority have also published information on Online Learning to help parents at

<https://www.eani.org.uk/supporting-learning>

The BBC are providing Northern Ireland specific online resources for pupils also, see

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/events/e9b3v2>

I would also like to draw your attention to our policy on the parents of primary pupils, contacting teachers during the closure. This should be done via email to our secretary Mrs Sloan at [jsloan341@c2ken.net](mailto:jsloan341@c2ken.net) or by phoning the school. Google Classroom should not be used by parents to communicate with teachers, it is for the pupils, who are free to communicate with their teachers and we would encourage them to do this.

If you are having difficulties with devices, an X Box or Play Station can be used to connect to Google Classroom and instructions can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/y4tfnnfn>

Given the fact that pupils are going to be spending a lot more time online, we would ask you to keep an eye on what your child is doing and we would draw your attention to Online Safety and direct you to the large amount of information on our school website at <https://www.ballyoranps.com/internet-safety/>

The Department of Education have also produced a Safer Schools App which can be found at

<https://ineqe.com/safer-schools-ni/>.

Further information about this can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/yy74gt65>

We do appreciate that you are not teachers, but we would ask you to work with us in supporting your child's education in these unprecedented times and if we can help you in any way please contact the school.

I wish you and your family well for the coming weeks and hope that you stay safe.

Yours faithfully  
Richard Woolsey  
Principal

