



20th April 2020

Dear Parent

I hope you and your family are safe and well and all our pupils have enjoyed a break from school work over the Easter holidays.

It is hard to believe that in normal times, today would have been the start of the summer term. With this in mind, try to get your child/children back into their Home Learning routine again from today. I appreciate that home schooling may be proving very challenging. We do not want to add further stress to what is already a very stressful time for all families so please do not feel pressured, do what you can and help your child where possible, also please do not worry about your child missing out by not being in school, or getting behind, all pupils are in the same situation.

A reminder that an overview of the Home Learning Packs along with many other free ideas/resources/websites are available in 'Children' and 'Home Learning.'

The BBC have today launched an excellent free resource called BBC Bite Size which will be very useful for home schooling, please find it at www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary

At this difficult time, the mental health and well being of your child/children is more important than academic work and we have placed some resources in the Home Learning section of the school website to help you with this.

As stated before Easter, if pupils have been following the suggested timings, they should have enough work in their Home Learning Packs to continue for another few weeks.

There has been much talk in the media over these past few days speculating about when schools will reopen. At this time, we do not know when this will happen, so it is important that we are prepared for the possibility that pupils may not be back in school before the end of June. With this in mind, teachers will be preparing a second Home Learning Pack which will provide enough work for pupils until the end of June. These will be available for you to collect in school, in May and I will contact you again about collection of these in due course.

Finally, if you need to contact the school for any reason please email info@ballyoran.portadown.ni.sch.uk If you have questions or queries about home learning you can also contact your child's teacher by emailing this address also, please state the name of your child and the teacher's name on the email.

Yours faithfully

Richard Woolsey
Principal