

MULLAGLASS PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents

Just reminding you all that as of today the children would have been finishing term 2 and will be now be off for two weeks. During the Easter break, there will be no daily work set on Seesaw or the school website. The staff have all set lots of Easter activities that the children can do if they wish to.

I have been so impressed and proud with all the work the children have been doing over the last two weeks. Speaking to the teachers, they have been delighted with the response from all their pupils. The Seesaw app has been a great success and a tremendous tool in keeping in contact with each pupil and family.

I want to thank you all for supporting your children through these daily tasks. I know it's not easy, especially if you are still working or trying to work from home. If you have more than one child it is also difficult, as you may not have enough devices for them to work on and you are also a teacher of multiple daily tasks. So we do understand if some children are not getting their tasks completed daily. We really do appreciate all that you are doing. The staff are setting their daily lessons according to their class curriculum. You may want to use the Easter break to catch up.

I also want to say a special thank you to all the teachers who have done a fantastic job providing daily lessons for all our children. Your dedication to the children has been outstanding and we are very lucky to have you as part of our Mullaglass family.

When using Seesaw - try to remember to click the 'Add Response' button for each task  Add Response so the teacher knows you have completed your work and it is ready for marking.

If you have a problem getting your child logged on to Seesaw, please contact your class teacher via email (all email addresses were provided in the school learning pack information pages).

RESOURCES

Remember to continue to use the many free resources available:

- PE with THE BODY COACH- Joe Wicks home work out on You Tube Monday-Friday at 9am
- DAVID WALLIAMS- 20 min free audio story at 11am everyday
- HOPE FOR YOUTH MINISTRIES- Colin Tinsley has come into school for a week and our children really enjoyed this. Pupils can tune in to his school assemblies on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The pupils can sing along to some of our favourite choruses, hear Bible stories, pray, take part in question time and there are follow-up worksheets to download.
- TWINKL website- free resources for all age groups

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

As a result of school closures due to the Coronavirus outbreak, the Minister for Education and Minister for Communities has agreed to make payment of £2.70 per child, per day to families who have been assessed as eligible for free school meals. Please visit the Education Authority's website for more information. Payments will commence week commencing 30th March and continue fortnightly.

TRANSFER- AQE

Mrs Weir has kindly photocopied and sent home practice test papers. You may want to sign up to 'The Transfer Tutor' to help prepare your child, as it has a specific focus on NI AQE tests.

KEY WORKERS

The school has been open for a number of days over the last two weeks. The current plan is for school to be closed for the next two weeks. We will then reassess the situation for Monday 20th April. If you are a key worker and you have exhausted all other opportunities for childcare and school is a **last resort**, follow the link below which will support parents in arranging supervision over the next two weeks.

<https://www.eani.org.uk/key-workers>

If you feel that you will need supervision after the Easter break, please email me over the next number of days/weeks to tell me your requirements. This service

can only be provided with adequate staff cover. As mentioned before, this service is for **key worker parents** who are using school as a **last resort**.

Have a lovely Easter break and I hope you all stay safe and well. Keep sending us lots of photos of what your children are up to. Please remember if you need any help, please contact any of the staff by email.

Yours faithfully

Mr P Greenaway
Principal