



Scoil an Tamhnaigh

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Dear Parent(s),

I hope that you and your families continue to be safe and well. Please note the following updates.

February Mid-Term Break

As per the Toonagh NS Calendar 2020-21 which was distributed at the beginning of the school year, our February Mid-Term break is from Feb 15th-19th inclusive. Therefore the children will not have any school work next week. The children have engaged very well and as best they can over the last 5 weeks. At our weekly staff meetings online each Thursday morning we review and plan our online learning content for the week ahead and every week we acknowledge that the work being done by our pupils is of a high standard. The children of Toonagh NS deserve their well earned break and we hope that they have a restful and enjoyable mid-term as best they can under the circumstances.

Over the last 5 weeks, teachers have been giving regular feedback on their pupils' work and progress through Seesaw, uploading instructional videos to assist our pupils on Seesaw, while also using Zoom and email. The teachers have worked very hard over the last 5 weeks. They have been extremely organised and made every effort to plan and carefully assign the school work as per the curriculum targets and based on what the children would be doing if they were in school. They also made every effort to try and find the right balance with the amount of school work assigned. Our Special Needs Assistants have communication plans in place with parents of their pupils via phone calls, text, zoom, and dropping resources to homes where necessary. I wish to thank our teachers and SNAs for their hard work and efforts to help our pupils engage with online learning.

After Mid-Term

While we are hopeful of a return to school at the end of current restrictions on March 5th it seems inevitable that schools will continue to be closed the week after February Mid-Term. School work will again be prescribed each Friday via email, detailing the daily work for the week ahead. Teachers and pupils will continue to use Seesaw which is working well and the teachers will do a weekly Zoom call to check in with their class each week.

Finally, I know it is not easy on parents and children right now, including having to combine working from home with online education and we really appreciate the great work being done by all of you. I wish to commend you for the efforts you are all making during this period of school closure. Our school community has demonstrated an admirable spirit of cooperation, positive attitude and flexibility. Thanks for your continued support and we all look forward to when we can welcome children back into the school building again.

I wish you all continued good health.

Yours Sincerely,
Gearóid Roughtan
Principal