



Letter to Parents

10.02.2021

Dear Parent / Guardian,

I hope that you and your loved ones are keeping safe and well during these challenging and extraordinary times.

1. **Remote Learning:**

We are now into the fifth week of the current period of school closure and I want to commend you and your child / children for your engagement with the remote learning process to date. The vast majority of pupils are interacting with their teacher by means of an educational platform such as Seesaw or Google Classroom. A small number of pupils are interacting by other means. The organisation of new remote teaching and remote learning routines takes time to establish and will vary from classroom to classroom. The amount of homework will also vary from class to class and will depend on the ages, abilities and needs of the pupils. It is good practice to regularly send samples of your child's completed work to the teacher for ongoing assessment purposes. Please communicate with your child's teacher and give regular feedback on how the remote learning is going for your child. You should liaise with your child's teacher if you need advice on curriculum matters or if there are any learning issues specific to your child's situation. If you need to collect any extra textbooks, resources or library books from the school you should contact your child's teacher or telephone the school and we can arrange this for you. Continuity of schooling guidance for parents is available at this link in several languages: <https://www.gov.ie/en/collection/965639-continuity-of-schooling/>

If you or your child are experiencing difficulties due to Information Technology issues you should contact the school by telephone on 091841605 between 11am and 3pm, Monday to Friday and we will do our best to assist you. It is also important that you monitor your child's safe and ethical use of the internet. Extensive information and guidance on online safety is available for parents and students at www.webwise.ie. There is also information available at <https://www.webwise.ie/parents/covid19-online-safety-advice-for-parents/>. This might be particularly useful.

Please remember that the homework and remote learning for your child are secondary to the health and safety of you and your loved ones.

2. **Enrolment:**

Parents / Guardians who wish to enrol a child in St. Ita's N.S. for the 2021/2022 School Year should email st.itasecretary1930@gmail.com to request an enrolment form by email. Parents who wish to receive an enrolment by post can do so by telephoning the school on 091841605 between 11am and 3pm. Enrolment forms and further information are also available on the school website www.stitaloughrea.com

In the meantime, please continue to encourage your child to practice good hygiene etiquette, to practice social and physical distancing and to respect the current restrictions on congregating thereby ensuring the safety of all in our community.

Yours sincerely,

Patrick Coyle,
Principal.