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Dear Parents,

I hope that this email finds you all healthy and well.

I am writing in the midst of the unprecedented challenges posed by the Covid-19 crisis. The situation continues to become more serious and as yet we do not know when we can start living our lives with some normality again. I am most conscious that this crisis is affecting all of us in different ways: some of you may have lost jobs or are under pressure to continue working in a challenging environment, others are struggling to manage your households and your children who are out of school or childcare. Many of you are burdened by concerns for your friends and family who have compromised health, or indeed some of you are likely worried about the impact of the virus on your own health. So much is uncertain at the moment. Everyone has their own individual set of circumstances but one certainty is that we in the school community can help one another to get through this difficult time.

As you will be aware by now, the Department of Education and Skills has today extended the closure of schools, pre-schools and further and higher education settings until 19th April 2020, to support efforts to contain the spread of Covid-19. This is in line with the advice of the National Public Health Emergency Team. All persons, including children, are urged to practise social distancing and to minimise physical contact with each other to help avoid the spread of Covid-19. Parents and guardians are urged to support their children to maintain this approach.

I am grateful to teachers in our school for their quick action in compiling "work packs" for the boys before we closed at very short notice on Thursday 12th March. We must now plan for the coming weeks.

Short Term Plan: 30th March to 3rd April 2020

In the coming days, class teachers will send a work plan for the week leading up to the Easter holidays via Aladdin Connect. It will contain suggested work from your child's curriculum. Aside from curricular work, you may wish to encourage your son to carry out practical activities at home such as gardening, cleaning, cooking and baking. You are not obliged to ensure that the work plan is completed, however we hope that following it will help you to continue your son's learning at home and to put some structure on his day.

If you do not receive your son's work plan via Aladdin Connect, or if you are having any difficulty accessing it, please do not hesitate to contact me on info@stmarysbns.com. Please remember that most text books can be downloaded on folens.ie. The majority of books were sent home with boys on Thursday 12th March.

We have received a lot of information about free online learning resources. We have decided to leave it up to each individual teacher to choose what online resource suits their respective class and this may be added to the work plan that is sent to parents.

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Easter Holidays: 4th to 19th April 2020

There will be no work plans sent during the holiday period.

Long Term Plan: Post-Easter Holidays

The current closure order does not extend beyond the Easter holidays, however, if the closure order is continued please be assured that plans will be put in plans to continue to facilitate your son's learning.

School Facebook Page

We plan to make more use of our school Facebook page over the coming weeks. Please check out the 'Readalong Book Reviews' by our 6th class boys. Mr. Clandillon has been uploading 'Stay at Home Quiz' via seomra ranga each day.

Online Exercise Classes with Susanne Lynch

Susanne Lynch, a parent in the school and a personal trainer, streams live exercise sessions for children from her Facebook page which has proven to be very popular with many families in the school. The Facebook group is called "Let's Keep Moving!". If you would like to join the classes, please request to be added to the group. People can also find Susanne on Facebook or Instagram(@fithitdublin), or she can be contacted on 086-8969593.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on info@stmarysbns.com if you have any queries whatsoever.

Sending well wishes to you all,

Dara Burke

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Principal