**Dear Parents, Guardians, Grandparents and Children**

We hope that all our families are keeping safe, well and happy together at home. As you all know, we find ourselves back to teaching and learning from home from Monday 11 January. This time, we are all ready!

Home learning packs will be distributed from the school on Tuesday 12 and Wednesday 12 January. We will let you know your day and time by Aladdin text message.

PLEASE MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING AND WEAR A MASK WHILE COLLECTING YOUR PACK.

If anyone has any difficulty collecting please ring the school on Tuesday morning.

**Remote Teaching and Learning**

**Our remote teaching planning is based on Department of Education Guidance and the advice of our school inspector.**

* Every morning the teachers will a series of mini-lessons on Class Dojo.
* Children participate during the mini-lessons eg maths, rhyme time, story time.
* Children may be assigned some independent work to do afterwards.
* Maths, story, rhyming, PE, art, relaxation and mindfulness, active learning tasks, a little bit of writing, a lot of fun….
* Lessons can be accessed at a time to suit the family timetable and allowing for shared access to devices in the family. We have a set of instructions about accessing Dojo on different devices.
* Children upload a photo/video of their work for teacher to see.
* Teacher will give feedback and tips for improving learning.
* Teachers will be teaching and responding to children’s learning during the school day OR at an arranged time.
* Class teachers, support teachers and SNAs will respond on Dojo.
* There will be a weekly school challenge with prize draw on Friday.
* Examples of great learning may be uploaded to the gallery on our school website. No children’s names will be used.

**Safety and etiquette in the remote learning environment**

* Class Dojo can accessed on a mobile phone, tablet, laptop and even on X-box or PlayStation (Instructions available.)
* Please read our updated Acceptable Use Policy (available to view here on the website in the Forms and Policies section). Parents are reminded that any teaching content/pupil feedback /communications relating to our school community (video/audio/photo/messages) may NOT be shared on any social media sites.
* Webwise.ie is a useful site for tips on keeping your family safe in the online environment.

**Keeping in Touch**

Regular updates will issue through the website and Aladdin school texts.

Daily teaching and feedback will take place through Class Dojo. Class Dojo allows us to keep an open and regular two-way channel of communication between family and school.

Any questions about the children’s learning can be sent to the teachers through Class Dojo or to their school email addresses.

Any general queries (eg enrolments, assessments) can be sent to the school email info@stbrigidsinfantschool.ie.

HSCL teacher Olwen will respond to Whatsapp queries on 086 3705773 during the school day.

Principal Ms Margaret O’Reilly may phone families to keep in touch.

Watch out for our challenge of the week with weekly winners announced every week.

The School Completion Programme based in Colaiste Eoin will be organising activities and online events to keep everyone connected with learning.

The Education Welfare Service (School Attendance) will also continue to work with families during this school closure.

**School Meals Programme**

The Department of Education has advised schools to continue the School Meals programme during the closure. Glanmore Foods will make food care packs available through local delivery **or** collection from school.

Please send a Whatsapp to Olwen at 086 3705773 by Tues 12 January **with your child’s full name, address, EIRCODE** if you would to receive a package for your family.