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A Chairde,

I hope you are all keeping well and managing to keep the chin up during this trying period. I know from watching the Aladdin Homework streams that the children are working well. The addition of the Zoom sessions has been a help in keeping spirits up and a source of fun and peer-to-peer contact for the children.



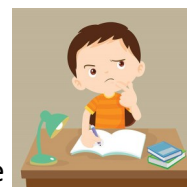
All of the teachers are doing their best to use a blend of pre-taught lessons on videos; work delivered via Aladdin based on text books; and Zoom sessions to keep the children engaged.



Finding the balance between giving the children the best type of work to provide the best learning outcomes and not overloading them is a tricky task. We rely on our own experience of the children in school and feedback from parents. To this end, Mr McGrath will be in contact with you to elicit your thoughts on how we can best pivot our delivery of remote learning to help families.

As you can imagine, with over 200 families in the school community it is impossible to get it spot on for all. We will aim to hit the middle ground (with some differentiation included) and ask parents to alter according to their own set of circumstances.

If things are hectic on any given day or if your child(ren) is feeling it's too much you can always do more the next day. If the workload is always too much, please contact the class teacher to let them know. If it's always not enough, don't be afraid to put the foot down and make them do more. Again, contact the class teacher if you need support in this.



If any family feels that their children would benefit from a call from 'the principal' please feel free to contact me via principal@holycrossschool.ie and I will be delighted to help.

Beid bua is beannacht

Mr. Mac Mathúna



HOLY CROSS SCHOOL—A HISTORY

Local historian John Lennon is currently writing the history of our school to mark the 75th anniversary of the school opening on its current site. We hope to publish the book before the summer. If you or a member of your family has any photograph/picture/memory of the school from years gone by please contact Carina here in the school admin@holycrossschool.ie or on 2985493. We will be delighted to hear from you.

This is the last week for anyone to collect a crib left in the church—pop in to the church whenever suits.