



# **Maine Integrated Primary School**

**Building Bridges, Learning Together**

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Dear Parent/Guardian

I am taking this opportunity to outline our plans for all our pupils during this current lockdown. It looks like we will be out until the mid-term break (Monday 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February), however this could all change, depending on the Minister and Department of Education. I will keep you informed of any changes as they occur.

At the moment, the school is open for keyworker children and vulnerable groups. I cannot guarantee the safety of any of my pupils and staff during this worrying time but we are doing the best we can to keep everyone in our school community safe.

We have taken the decision to issue booklets to move the pupils' learning forward. This week was a revision week. We have decided to issue booklets on a fortnightly basis, as it is easier to monitor the children's progress. I personally think it would be overwhelming if you were faced with six weeks of work and by using a booklet, everyone has access. The booklets are marked with the relevant days.

I am very aware from the online survey the difficulties people are facing with online learning. We are going to, where possible, add links to videos on YouTube to make the learning more interactive. Each morning your child's teacher will record a short message on SeeSaw. We plan to move the children's learning forward by using pre-recorded lessons and check in lessons using conference calling (P4-P7). This will all be carried out on a slow basis, as we want to get it right and we are aware that every family's situation is unique. The teachers are also covering groups in school which they need to support. so like yourselves, we are juggling lots of plates.

I am unable to lend out iPads at the moment as there are only 14 in total in school, four of which are too old to use for online learning.

I will personally continue to ring and catch up with parents, however if you have any queries, please feel free to ring the school phone Mon-Fri (8am-4pm) and I will get back to you.

The next booklets will be ready for collection on Monday afternoon, non-siblings from 1pm to 2pm and siblings from 2.15pm to 3.15pm. Please return any reading books into the relevant boxes marked with your child's class. It is imperative that these are returned or we will run out of books very quickly.

Lastly, we all need to think of our mental health and well-being. It is a worrying time for everyone keeping safe and the current impact on jobs and we need to be kind to ourselves and everyone around us. There will be days when the children don't get their work done, but that is fine, as long as you can get your child to read on a daily basis. They can do some baking or reading or even play a game.

Yours sincerely

**Mrs E. Woodin**

**Principal**