

RATHFARNHAM



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## Weekly Update

15<sup>th</sup> January 2021

I would like to commend all our children and their teachers and ANAs for their enthusiasm and commitment to remote learning. Thank you, too, to parents and guardians who are facilitating this and to those who have provided feedback.

Yesterday we had a staff meeting to review the first few days of remote learning. Our aim for this period is to provide a programme which will motivate children and give them a sense of connection to school while at the same time continuing to facilitate their learning. Teachers will speak to children in small groups to ascertain their views. We will, of course, ask parents and guardians for their views in a formal review which will take place when we have given the system a little more time. In the meantime, if you have any concerns, please contact your child's class teacher using the class email address or contact me directly on [info@retns.ie](mailto:info@retns.ie).

A successful remote learning programme depends on a good two-way communication and we appreciate your feedback.

### **Supervision of zoom sessions**

We will always have two members of staff on a class zoom call. However, when your child is participating, an adult should be in the room to supervise their behaviour. Unsupervised children can be very distracting for others.

### **Assembly**

**Assembly will take today at 10.00. This will replace your child's first zoom session.** We have sorted the problem we had with the quiz in December and now have a licence for 300 participants so there should be no problem gaining admittance. Please name yourself using one of your children's names or your child's family name. The zoom link will be sent separately.

### **Parental Involvement during Remote Learning**

We are lucky to have so many parents and guardians with talents and skills to offer our school. If you would like to do a zoom activity or workshop with a class, please contact your child's teacher on their class email.

## **Children with Additional Needs**

I have attached a guidance document which includes information on supports for parents on P.13 [Guidance for SEN pupils in Primary Schools January 2021](#)

## **Letter from Minister – [Letter for parents from Minister of Education January 2021](#)**

## **Internet safety advice for parents**

– see <https://www.webwise.ie/parents/covid19-online-safety-advice-for-parents/>

This is a challenging time for us all so I will finish with my favourite phrase at the moment:

**‘Dá fhad an oíche, tagann an lá.’** (‘This, too, shall pass’).

I look forward to seeing all our families at assembly tomorrow

Le dea-ghuí

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