

Bennettsbridge N.S.,

24/03/2020

Dear Parents,

I hope that this finds you and your family well and safe.

Following this evening's announcement from the Taoiseach schools will not reopen as originally planned on March 30<sup>th</sup>. The eventual reopening date is uncertain right now.

The staff in BBNS are acutely aware of the surreal situation families are currently encountering. Parents are working from home, minding young children, supervising siblings - some with examination worries, concerned about older and vulnerable family members while all the while adhering to social/physical distancing and hygiene advice.

We are also mindful of varying access to internet devices, printers and workable broadband.

So in BBNS we think it's time to pause and take stock of where we are at and where this might go.

1. In BBNS we do not want to add to your pressures and stress. As always families and health are priority and never so much as now.
2. In school your child engages in active class lessons through whole class, group and pair work tailored to individual needs. We understand that this cannot be replicated at home. We will continue to issue guidelines and outline school work that your child can continue with as independently as possible.
3. All class teachers will provide guidelines on [classroom.google.com](https://classroom.google.com).
  - a) A gmail address is needed to access. This is easily set up if at [www.gmail.com](https://www.gmail.com) if parents don't have a gmail account
  - b) Parents will be provided with an access code for your child's class via Text a Parent.
  - c) Log onto [classroom.goggle.com](https://classroom.goggle.com)
  - d) Click on 'Join Class'
  - e) When prompted enter code
  - f) Class teacher will have week's work and completion guidelines mapped out

Our focus will be Literacy, Numeracy and Irish. Textbooks can be accessed online and class teachers will supply details on their goggle classroom. Please give yourselves time to familiarise yourselves with accessing your child's 'textbook' websites.

4. It is most important that your child continues to read age appropriate material.
5. We will suggest appropriate websites. These are entirely optional. Please be guided by your child's interests.

6. If your child is in receipt of allocated special education time and needs individual work assigned to him/her please contact the SET team on [setbennettsbridgens@gmail.com](mailto:setbennettsbridgens@gmail.com)
7. On our return to school all class teachers will focus on the core subjects and we will catch up!

Finally, to reiterate we are very cognisant of the stresses in many homes at the moment. If we can help in anyway please contact through email at [bennettsbridgens@gmail.com](mailto:bennettsbridgens@gmail.com).

Kind Regards,  
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