



ST. BRIGID'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent,

Life in St Brigid's PS has been severely impacted by Covid-19 in recent weeks. However, we have managed to keep all classes open (until yesterday when P1 moved to home learning and today P2). Often in the past few weeks, when we were unable to get substitute teachers, some classes were managed by our very talented Classroom Assistants.

Today, we have 11 staff and 43 children absent, when we include the children on Remote Learning, there are 91 children not in school. I have exhausted all the possibilities on NISTR and made several telephone calls, but I was unable to get substitute teachers for the start of next week.

Unfortunately, with increasing numbers of staff absent, and many of those with Covid continuing to test positive, **P1, P1/2 and P2 will be on Remote Learning on Monday 7th February.** As soon as we have staff available we will get our children back into school.

I am very sorry about this, I appreciate the inconvenience for working parents, but I cannot find an alternative that will keep your child safe at this time. Thank you for your understanding and support and thanks to all our staff who are working above and beyond their normal duties to keep the school functioning.

I would urge ALL of our parents to keep checking the website and the school App for updates on our staffing crisis, especially over the weekend. If you have not registered our School App on your phone, please do download it from the website, so that you will receive information in a timely manner.

On Monday 7th February no Foundation Stage classes will be in school. Parents should keep watching our website for updates on other classes.

School closes at 1pm on Friday 11th February for Mid-Term break and reopens on Monday 21st February.

We wish all our staff who are ill a full and speedy recovery.

Thank you, our parents and community for your support at this difficult time, and we pray that life in school will be back to normal soon.

Sincerely yours,

Mary O Kane

