

January 2021

Dear Parents,

Unfortunately we find ourselves back in lockdown again. I hope that this will be the final wave and that we can reopen our schools for the foreseeable future with a combination of our current practices and the pending vaccination rollout.

In the meantime our pupils will engage with teaching and learning remotely. I believe that we have improved our practice in this area and will be using **Seesaw** on a wholeschool basis. The teachers believe that Seesaw is the most user friendly platform available and our pupils are familiar with it having completed their homework on Seesaw this school year. I attach our Online Learning Policy.

Remote Learning is not without its challenges as many parents are juggling work, child minding and supporting their child's education. In addition there are anxieties around Covid 19, lack of quality broadband and digital devices. We distributed school books but everything your child requires will come through Seesaw and it also allows for two way feedback when difficulties arise. Pupils in 2nd and 6th classes will not require any text books and there will be no requirement for any printing in any class.

If you feel that your child would benefit from a loan of a school i-pad please email our ICT co-ordinator Mr Bolton at mrbolton@stfiaccs.com .

The health and wellbeing of your family must be prioritised above all else and the work we provide is an attempt to keep your child engaged with their learning. A balance between work, rest and play is important which is why you should encourage your child to engage in daily physical exercise.

The main thing is that we stay safe and support each other. I will send a link every Friday if you or your child wish to tune in to our weekly assembly. Remote Learning will begin Monday January 11th.

Kind regards,

Mr John Brennan

Contact email for teachers during Lockdown

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*Class teachers Miss Delaney and Miss Frayne are now using their married surnames Miss Canavan & Miss Byrne respectively. Congratulations to Miss Canavan on her marriage in December. Telephone: 059 9132444 Email: <u>st.fiaccs@gmail.com</u> website: <u>www.stfiaccsns.ie</u>



Thank you

Thanks to all the parents who purchased a copy of our school calendar. We still have some copies that we will keep if you wish to purchase. Please email Sarah at the school email.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Due to Covid 19 we will not be hosting Parent Teacher Meetings in Jan/Feb. Instead we will send out a Mid Year Report through Aladdin Connect. Follow up phone calls will be possible if any parent has a concern regarding their child(ren).

Trespassing on school grounds

Sadly we have had to erect fencing around our school reception as large groups of teenagers are congregating under the canopy at night and engaging in illegal activity as evidenced by the debris left behind the following morning. The matter has been reported to the Gardai. The Board, in the long term, will have to secure the school site with perimeter fencing when funding allows.