

Dromore Road Primary School Upper Dromore Road Warrenpoint County Down BT34 3JH

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you are all well and have had a restful Easter break. We definitely have been very blessed with the weather over the last few weeks and it certainly has made home life a lot easier when the children can get out to play in the garden or take daily exercise.

Unfortunately, our current schooling arrangements are set to continue, and home learning tasks will be posted from Monday 20th April on Seesaw NOT on our website. We have made the decision to move to Seesaw as it allows us to assign and mark the pupils' work and give feedback, thus offering better teacher/ pupil interaction. It will also allow us to monitor completion of tasks better and identify where more reinforcement is needed.

We are hoping that all runs smoothly with the transition to Seesaw but prior to Monday we need you to set up your devices. The instructions below are high priority so we can sort out any teething problems on Monday.

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- 1. Go to https://web.seesaw.me on a computer or laptop (make sure Google Chrome is downloaded). Or install the Seesaw Class iOS or Android app.
- 2. Tap "I'm a Student".
- 3. Type in your Home Learning code you will receive by text.
- 4. In Seesaw you can post to your personal journal, respond to activities, and view class announcements.
- 5. Monday morning, view the class announcement before completing your activities.
- 6. Keep your code safe. If two or more children are sharing a device remember to log in using their individual code.

Tasks will be posted before 9am each morning and the teachers will aim to respond to the pupils' work on a daily basis. Response time to your child's work will obviously depend on what time it is posted at and each teacher's home



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circumstances. Ideally, we would encourage you to try to get your child to complete tasks each day, however we also appreciate that each family's circumstances are different, and it may suit your home routine better to complete tasks in the evening or at the weekend. Please feel free to complete the learning tasks in the way that suits you best and is least stressful.

The school phone line will be operational on Monday between 10am-12.30pm. If you encounter any difficulties logging in or need some support getting use to the tools in Seesaw please give us a call.

Thank you for your continued support during these challenging times. Mrs McParland will be in school next week if you have any queries or concerns or alternatively please feel free to email myself or your child's teacher.

Have a lovely weekend everyone and stay safe.

Mrs S. McGrath (Principal)