

Parent Update

3rd April 2020

Dear Parents/Guardian,

As we come to the end of our second week of school closure, I write to you today in the hope that you and your families are well and continuing to take every precaution instructed by our Government. I'm sure it is a very peculiar and worrying time at home, but hopefully normal life will return soon, and we will appreciate the small and big things even more.

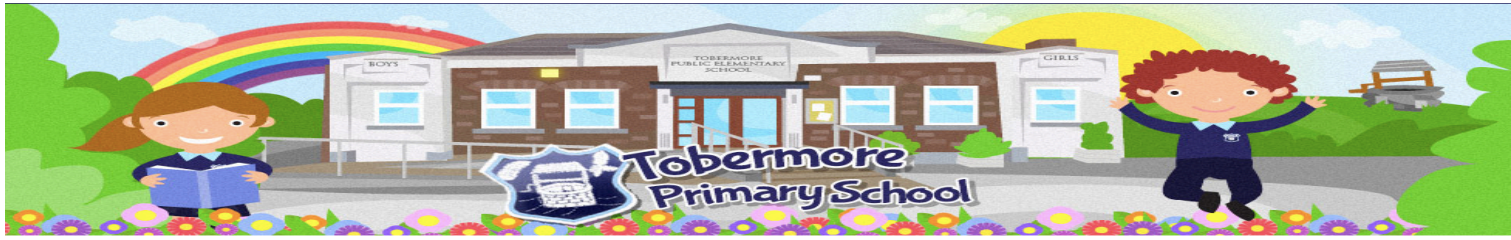
First of all, I want to commend all those from within our school community who are working on the frontline or who are providing vital services to keep our families safe and Northern Ireland functioning during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are very much with you all! You are all heroes.

Unlike some schools who have been able to provide support for key worker families over the last two weeks, Tobermore Primary School, has not been needed for this with parents deciding to keep their children at home. School and the operations within will now be closed as of Tuesday 7th April, until Monday 20th April.

I would like to thank you all for the unreserved support and understanding you have shown the school over the last number of weeks as we have tried to navigate this situation as best as possible. I also want to thank you for the school work that you have been doing with your children at home. This is vitally important to your children and for some parents, who may also be trying to work from home, it is something that I know has not always been easy. We really appreciate your efforts.

As your children were due to be off from Tuesday 7th April for Easter Holidays, no work has been set for the children to complete. We ask that you stick to this and give both your children and yourselves a little break. This has been a challenging time for us all and a break will do everyone the world of good and help recharge the batteries. We will get back in contact with you, when the time comes, to inform you of future arrangements for home learning through our school website.

For those parents who have been following Facebook and our school website for our daily challenges, I want to thank you for allowing and encouraging your children to take part. It been a great way for our school community to stay connected and I know the staff have enjoyed getting to see the children and what they have been getting up to. We will take a break from Tuesday 7th, so Monday will be our last TPS Task until Monday 20th, however please don't be fretting, as we have plenty more challenge ideas up our sleeves!



Finally, I would also like to acknowledge the hard work that our school staff have been doing over the last number of weeks, providing families with resources in week 1 and preparing activities for remote learning. I very much appreciate the enormous contribution that they all have made.

Please remember that although school is now closed, you can still contact your child's teacher with any home learning queries or myself with any other queries in relation to school. Please email

Yours sincerely

Mr Cheevers
Principal

*** Future communications will continue to be made through our school website and Facebook page so please keep a regular eye on both.**