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**Principal: Mrs. Keira McCallan BA (Hons), PQH**

Monday, 11th January, 2021.

Dear Parent,

Please read the information below carefully.

- You have survived the first week of remote learning. Well done! Give yourself a well-deserved pat on the back. As you are aware our school will now be providing remote learning until Mid-Term Break (Week beginning 15th February).
- Staff continue to work very hard to prepare resources for remote learning and each Class Teacher will continue to communicate directly to you with specific information.

Please remember that we are here to help and support you and the children, so please contact us if you require any further information.

Teachers can be contacted between the hours of **9am and 3.30pm** by e-mail **or** SeeSaw (Mrs. Barrett and Mrs. Dobbs).

Please use the following e-mail addresses rather than the school e-mail address if you want to communicate directly with your child's teacher regarding remote learning.

Mrs. Dobbs: [sdobbs423@c2ken.net](mailto:sdobbs423@c2ken.net)

Mrs. Mulligan: [jmulligan860@c2kni.net](mailto:jmulligan860@c2kni.net)

Mrs. McCallan: [kmccallan752@c2kni.net](mailto:kmccallan752@c2kni.net)

For all other queries, please use the school e-mail address.

If you have limited electronic devices at home to complete on-line remote learning, please see information on our website regarding Using Xbox and Playstation devices to access MySchool.

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- Pupils who are in school are participating in '**supervised learning.**' Please be aware that this is not the same as normal classroom teaching and class teachers are not available for teaching or one – to – one support as they are preparing remote learning and marking/providing feedback. Pupils in school are asked to complete the same work as those who are at home, however, we have a limited number of computers so this will have to be kept under constant review for those pupils completing on-line tasks. Any work not completed in school should be finished at home.
- I am delighted to inform you **AB Coaching** will be delivering remote **PE Zoom** sessions every Friday over the lockdown. This will be paid for through Well-Being funding that the school has received recently.

Sessions will be at the following times:

**Years 1-4:** 9.30am to 10.30am.

**Years 5-7:** 1.30pm to 2.30pm.

Details of how to access these sessions to follow shortly.

- In order to improve the emotional health and well-being of our whole school community (pupils, parents, staff and beyond) during this challenging time, we have decided to give each day of the week a well-being theme as follows:

Mindful Monday  
Thoughtful Tuesday  
Well-Being Wednesday  
Thankful Thursday  
Feel Good Friday

We plan to promote a different activity each day. Mrs. Dobbs has kindly drawn up a [Mindfulness Overview](#) for the next 5 weeks with lots of ideas and tips for all the family. Check out our school website. Please feel free to share your activities over SeeSaw, Teams or e-mail.

- We also hope that AB Coaching will be able to deliver a Well-Being programme after the lockdown has ended. This will also be funded through Well-Being funding that the school has received recently. Further information to follow.
- Teachers have decided to focus on the same curricular areas on the same days of the week to make home learning manageable for parents. We hope you find this helpful.
- I am delighted to inform you that we have secured funding from the Department Of Education of approximately **£15 000** to install a new fence along the grass pitch.

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- The **Admissions** Process for **Year One pupils in September 2021** is now open. This is an on-line process. Please go to [www.eani.org.uk](http://www.eani.org.uk) to apply. Please check your child's transport eligibility too. Please note that the closing date is **12pm (noon) on 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2021.**

Take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

*Keira McCallan*

Mrs. Keira McCallan  
(Principal)