



## Gaelscoil na gCeithre Maol,

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A thuismitheoirí/a chaomhnóirí

We would like to welcome you all back after the Easter break. We hope that you are all keeping safe and well. We miss school as much as your children do now too! Hopefully we will be able to get back to school again soon in the meantime we look forward to reconnecting with you all again albeit through an online platform.

From talking to some parents & reading the survey comments, we know that you are all doing your best and the children are coping and learning! So fair play to you all - we appreciate that it may not always be easy.

We are hoping to use google classroom, a secure online platform where the teachers will share work with the children daily/for the week. Also, students can document and reflect on what they are learning. The teacher & your child will be able to add completed tasks (including photos, videos, worksheets, drawings and voice recordings) and their teacher can add and view work assignments. More information available here <https://tinyurl.com/ycq28nac>

We think that this will be a great way to ensure that there is two-way communication and we can help you more with educating your child at home. We are aware that every household has different challenges from parents still working & working from home, having to share IT resources and having poor Wi-Fi etc. We want to minimise the extra pressure and stress that this may cause at this time. The most important thing to remember is to do what you can and try different things. REMEMBER every child will find certain subjects easier than others, have good days and bad days and they should be encouraged and supported. Please let them out to play, be creative (art, baking, LEGO, puzzles, board games) and read real books as much as they can and limit screen time if possible. The work set is what we feel they should get done & we know that some children won't complete it all & others will be looking for more! Any work that is not completed can be done again & when we are back to a normal routine, we will all work hard together to catch up on anything missed.

You can read more about their privacy concerns with regard to google classroom here: [https://edu.google.com/intl/en\\_uk/why-google/privacy-security/?modal\\_active=none](https://edu.google.com/intl/en_uk/why-google/privacy-security/?modal_active=none)

Under an EU law called the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), in order for your child to use google classroom, the school must get your consent. For more information on GDPR, please visit <https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/law-topic/data-protection/reform/rights-citizens>.

**Please e-mail permission to [scoilnagceithremaol@yahoo.ie](mailto:scoilnagceithremaol@yahoo.ie) or send a text message or WhatsApp to 087 9152568 indicating your consent for your child to use google classroom and we will send on the code.**

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code.

Following receipt of parental consent, class teachers will then send each class an access code. We hope to have this fully implemented for week 5 (week starting 27<sup>th</sup> April) of Home Learning should school closures be extended.

Here's how it works – Your class teacher will email you the code to join their class. Teachers will upload activities for their class on a daily/weekly basis. These activities will have instructions for pupils. Once pupils have completed work, they can upload tasks as required, the teacher will give feedback. Should pupils have difficulty with any assignment they can ask their teacher for help. **Teachers will give feedback, explanations and respond to queries on a daily basis.**

For those who don't want to or can't use google the plan of work for each class will still be available on the school website or e-mailed to you if requested.

If you can't access online materials let us know and we will try to help. If you need schoolbooks they can be collected (following guidelines) as soon as the restrictions are lifted.

Looking forward to getting started.

Le gach dea-ghuí

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