

# **TOREAGH PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Another week has gone by and we are all getting more used to our new school life. There are so many rules and regulations that the children and staff must adhere to each day. Teaching is only what I can call “different”. Things we have been able to do in the past or would do automatically, are no longer possible or we are having to adapt our practices in response to advice.

As Covid-19 restrictions have been enhanced, it is up to all of us to ensure that we continue to work together to keep us all safe. With this in mind, may I remind you that the movement of items from school to home and vice versa is restricted. We will only send items home on a Monday, and you should only return items on a Thursday. Doing this will allow for a quarantine period of 72 hours before things are used again.

## **Good News**

The meeting with Minister Weir was productive and he was well informed about our school and the way our enrolment has increased over my time at Toreagh. During the meeting, I presented Minister Weir with a detailed account of our need for additional accommodation – hall with a servery and classroom space. At the meeting, the EA representative gave us the good news that plans have been drawn up and passed for a new multi-purpose hall with a servery to be built at Toreagh. This is something we have been asking for, for many years. I have been informed that building should be completed within the next 12-18 months. This is something positive to look forward to.

Unfortunately, currently, we do not meet the criteria for extra classroom space. The criteria is standardised on the basis of enrolment numbers. Although I was aware of this, I thought it was worth asking! As Toreagh continues to move forward our request can be revisited at a future date.

## **CHANGE TO DROP OFF TIMES from MONDAY 28<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

We are now in the position to reduce the time taken to get all the children into school in the morning. This will hopefully help to reduce the amount of time some of you have to wait and the number of cars outside the school at any one time. Drop off will still be staggered in accordance with advice. We would ask you to continue to socially distance when you are leaving your child(ren) at the gate and to move on as soon as possible.

The following will apply from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September:

8.40 am	P4 and P5/6
8.50 am	P2 and P3
9.00am	P1 and P7

Thank you again for your support at this time,  
Stay safe,

C L Morrow  
Principal