

## **TOREAGH PRIMARY SCHOOL**

### **Covid- 19**

I do appreciate the concerns of parents, pupils and the wider school community concerning any positive result. I wish to reassure you that every precaution has and will continue to be taken to keep us all as safe as possible. Ensuring the safety of pupils and staff is my absolute priority and I will continue to monitor this situation carefully, follow PHA advice and keep you informed.

I have spoken in detail to the Public Health Authority this morning and further information in the form of a letter, has been issued to everyone, with a specific letter for the class bubble identified. Please read these carefully.

As you know our school is cleaned regularly throughout the day with regard to handles, light switches, touch surfaces etc. Handwashing/sanitising takes place frequently throughout the day. Enhanced cleaning does and will continue to take place as instructed by EA Cleaning Services.

### **Please remember:**

**Should your child or member of your family have any of the Covid symptoms, they must be tested and consequently follow the PHA guidance.**

### **Severe Weather Guidance for Parents**

As we move into the winter months, the potential for severe weather increases. There have been prolonged periods of frost and snow in recent years which have had an impact on the day to day running of some services. The following advice is designed to help you know how school will deal with such eventualities this incoming year.

In the event of severe weather, Toreagh PS will endeavour to remain open unless we cannot operate safely and effectively or that the risks of continuing to operate are such that it is in the best interests of the pupils, staff and parents to close. The decision as to whether to stay open or closed is a difficult one for a school to make and is not taken lightly. While we appreciate school closure may be an inconvenience to parents/carers, safety is our priority and we ask for your understanding in this.

The nature of the climate in Northern Ireland means that weather conditions can change and develop very rapidly and decisions about school closure are often taken at short notice. We do our best to make the right judgement call and inform

parents as quickly as possible. If we do have to close, we will be informing you by text.

### **Star Charts**



Should a child complete their individual charts, we will be sending home a treat on a Monday. The treat will be a small bag of Haribo. Remember to praise your child for completing their chart.

### **Christmas**



Our Christmas festivities will be somewhat curtailed this year.

Look out for our “Christmas Service” on the website over the next couple of weeks.

### **Christmas Emails**      Week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> December

The children will be unable to send cards to each other or their teacher this year. However, if your child wants to send a little message to the whole class or teacher, why not send an email. Address it to your child’s teacher. The teacher can then show these to the class.

### **Christmas Jumper Day**      Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December

The children can wear a Christmas jumper/ bright jumper to school. Hopefully this will bring a bit of Christmas cheer to us all.

We are continuing to think of safe activities to do, so watch this space!

### **Community News**

**Gleno Pre-School** ‘Virtual’ Tour Open Day Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020. Log onto their Facebook page on this date. Further details from our website.

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