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Dear Parents,

Since my last note, the country has faced more restrictions to prevent the spread of Covid 19 and families nationally and in our school community are facing more stress and pressure as a result. Parenting brings us our greatest joy in life but it is becoming increasingly challenging due to the circumstances we are all facing.

I am writing to wish you well and provide guidance too. I hope you and your families are keeping safe and well. It is not an easy time for any of us; children are without their teachers, friends, activities and the normal structure of day to day life. I know you as parents are doing your best to make things as normal as possible in this very difficult time.

I think the feeling is that schools may not reopen on April 20th although no communication has come from the Department as yet. So we need to be prepared for more weeks of school closure. As you are aware all the teachers have provided learning activities on Aladdin since the school closure. I have also published further activities and links in the distance learning pack. Following the Easter period, we are going to use Google Classroom for home school communication and distance learning for our pupils. I have attached some information and guidance on how to set it up. We are also hoping to get our pupils using online PM readers for reading. They are the exact same as the ones we use in school, just online versions. You will be given all the details on how to access them, which level to choose and ideas for reading activities.

During the Easter period, best practice is to have some structure to the day. Do activities that work for your family. I have attached some non curriculum related ideas that are valuable too and that you may find helpful. Also we have further useful activities assessible on the homepage of www.lisnagryns.ie or on Twitter by following @lisnagryns. These include oral language activities that are applicable to all our pupils.

In summary, I sincerely hope you are all keeping as best as you can and are minding yourselves and others. We will continue to provide ideas for learning activities but they are optional. If school work is causing you or your child stress or difficulty our advice is to stop and don't worry. Please be kind to yourselves.

Kind Regards,

Michael Feeney