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Friday, 27 March 2020

Dear Parent, Carer,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well as we all adjust to the new reality of Covid-19. In relation to school, staff in St. Louis have been proactive in preparing resources for each class and will make every effort to support your child over the coming weeks and possibly months.

All teachers are engaging in distance learning and key staff are available to assist any child that requires social and emotional support. However, it is really important that students play their part and take responsibility for their learning. Students should regularly check the VLE and their emails for updates from their class teachers. They should also return work if requested by their teachers. Distance learning will continue to evolve as we navigate through these challenging circumstances and we will update you on any changes.

At home, you may find it beneficial to create a timetable that you can use during the week. Please take a few minutes each evening to discuss a schedule with your children for the next day and adapt it to suit your own circumstances. There will need to be flexibility as each family adopts to social isolation. We are aware that each pupil will be in a family setting where parents, brothers and sisters are all trying to get on with their lives, working from home, competing for time on the family computer or iPad, helping younger siblings with their on-line work and so on. As a family, try to negotiate a time for everyone. It will take a period of time for all families to adjust.

Remote learning cannot replace normal school life, but we are working to ensure that there is pastoral support in place and that there is space for spiritual reflection and prayer. We have also uploaded details on how to contact the Safeguarding Team - please check our school website and Facebook if you have concerns. If you need to get in contact with the school, please e-mail info@stlouisgrammar.kilkeel.ni.sch.uk. We are using our social media platforms to give parents advice and guidance during this time. Please note that the school counselling service continues remotely.

We would emphasise that there are opportunities for very worthy learning in the home at this time. This can be achieved by helping out in the kitchen, preparing meals or working in the garden, or helping younger siblings with their reading or maths.

We are waiting further guidance from the government regarding public examinations this summer, please continue to check our school website for updates.



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We pray for everyone in our school community. Our motto "Ut Sint Unum" – that all may be one, epitomises our approach as we work as one, in a spirit of collaboration to support our young people through this challenge.

Yours sincerely

Mr K Martin
Principal



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