



# Scoil Sheosaimh Naofa

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Dear parent(s)/guardian(s),

I hope you are all keeping safe and looking forward to the mid-term break. I don't think a mid-term break has ever been so eagerly anticipated by the whole country! It has sad and hard to believe that we have reached this point without seeing each other in-person but we are all hoping that we can return to school and see each other again soon. I would whole-heartedly like to thank the pupils, parents and staff for all their hard work and effort since Christmas. It has been very challenging for everyone but I know I speak for all the staff when I say, that the positive attitude and kind words from both parents and pupils have meant a lot and have kept us motivated to help our pupils as much as we possibly can.

Engagement levels have been very high and we all know that pupils and parents are working very hard and trying their best with their school work. Every situation and household are different and we understand that students and parents are completing and uploading their work in the way that suits their home best.

We have been trying to add new things every week to keep the pupils interested and engaged and we hope the boys and girls enjoyed the videos from Eoin Carroll and Sonya Cuddy over the last 2 weeks. We will continue to add new videos with a variety of activities every week and I would like to thank the Parents Association for their support in relation to this also.

In addition to new videos, after the mid-term break, a weekly zoom call will be held for all classes. This call will be a 'social' call and will give the boys and girls a chance to have some fun and see their friends and teachers again. Teachers will provide more information and guidelines for parents and students through SeeSaw after the mid-term break. There may be some challenges with devices and internet coverage so these calls will be timetabled to avoid clashes with siblings. We hope that introducing this aspect to our online learning will help the students' wellbeing and motivation to re-engage with their online learning after the mid-term break.

Finally, I would like to sincerely thank everyone again for their continued support over the last number of weeks and we look forward to seeing all of our boys and girls again soon.

Have a great break and stay safe.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

*Niall Spain and staff*