Hi Everybody,

I hope you are well and that you are managing to cope with all of the changes that have happened in our lives in the last days and weeks. We understand that many people in our community face great worry and uncertainty at this time. To have your child or children at home all day every day has put added pressure on many families. I promise you that we are aware of the difficulties you are facing at this time and that we are thinking of you.

We are conscious that the school has an important role to play in keeping the children, engaged, challenged and occupied. To this end we will continue making schoolwork available to the children. Gráinne and I have put together a sample timetable of activities to help in structuring the day for you and your children. Each day, these activities will be uploaded onto Aladdin and onto the class blog. We would like Day 1 of this programme to be this Thursday 26th rather than waiting until next Monday as previously indicated. This will continue until Friday 3rd April, when we ‘break up’ for Easter. Please use it as it suits you.

If, for any reason, you are unable to understand exactly what your child is being asked to do, or you feel unable to help your child with a particular piece of work, do not worry. It is far better that you would spend some happy time with your child or children playing games, reading stories and keeping the children content rather than households becoming stressed trying to do some formal school work.

We understand that some homes have poor internet connection and that perhaps some homes have no computer. We realise that in some homes, a parent working from home, a secondary school student studying for state exams or a third level student trying to get work done, will all need to use the computer. If your child cannot get to use the computer very often, that is perfectly okay.

I am here to support and guide your children as best I can in their learning, so please feel free to email me if you have any questions - I am here to help! My email is [niamhp@eskeretns.ie](mailto:niamhp@eskeretns.ie)

Keep up the good work and make sure you're getting plenty of fresh air and exercise too!  
  
Take care and stay safe,  
​Niamh.