

Kirkhill Parent Council Newsletter



Dear Parents & Carers

I haven't written a FB post for sometime now but I feel it's important for the Parent Council to stay 'connected' to our parents as we continue through this strange journey.

This week...

- Instead of us digging out our children's summer uniforms they so keenly look forward to emerging in on return to school for the summer term, our children have remained at home with lockdown extended again.
- Instead of us planning signature events to give our class of 2020 the departure they deserve after 7 years, we are 'postponing' until... ..?
- Instead of organising Parent Council social events ('FRIENDS' Quiz Night, Family Fun Day, school discos), we are continuing social distancing for what seems like an indeterminate time period.

No doubt this will have provoked a range of different tensions and emotions for each family - not just in our school - but also across the country. Then there is the challenge of explaining it to our children who are so used to life encounters as BLACK and WHITE, while the answer (or lack of it) hangs somewhere in the middle in that GREY unclear zone.

While we are constantly being reassured by the Government and National Education Departments that strategies are on-going to help our schools return, we are faced with the hard task of home-schooling. Teachers are new to this too and are finding their way. No-one is expecting us to be teachers and to replicate a school environment but it's a tough call day-in, day-out to keep the enthusiasm going. It's a stark reminder that teachers are gifted people managing up to 33 of our little ones every day that school is in session! Remember - **take a deep breath and start again.**

I feel we need to support each other even more than ever - fortunately many of you will be on class WhatsApp chats. Remember we're also lucky to have a broad range of online/video conferencing tools available to allow our children to keep in touch.

I've included some links below. I'm hopeful you will all find them helpful. It's a trying time for all so as I finish up I just want to say **STAY POSITIVE** and **HOPEFUL** but above all **be kind and be compassionate!** Mark, Laura and I are here if you need us - please give us a shout!

Before I sign off - HAPPY RAMADAN to all our families observing this special month.

Kind regards and God Bless

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