



# Mountnorris Primary School

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Dear Parent / Guardian,

We hope that you are enjoying your new job as a teacher! I imagine the education colleges will be filled with applications for teachers when this is over... maybe not!

Thank you for sticking with us as we adjust to working online; this is definitely a learning curve for us all and will take a week or two to settle into a routine.

If you are stuck with something the best way to contact your child's teacher will be through Seesaw. To do this, click on any item on your child's Seesaw which they are tagged in on their own and comment. Make sure no other child is tagged in the item you have chosen to ensure that the conversation is between you and teacher solely. This will send a notification to the teacher who will endeavour to respond within 24 hours.

Alternatively, you can email the teachers using the emails below:

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Mrs Gillespie: [tgillespie781@c2ken.net](mailto:tgillespie781@c2ken.net)  
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I'm sure you have seen lots of items on social media talking about home-schooling and the importance of striking a good balance. With this in mind, here are some things to consider:

- Establish a good morning routine; get children up and dressed before 9 and begin with a workout or some exercise like the Joe Wicks videos on YouTube. Alternatively, or afterwards, a parent has advised that Colin Tinsley is providing morning assemblies on Facebook which you can also check in with through his page. These will provide RE/Sunday School type lessons and Christian assemblies.
- Work for no more than approximately 2/3 hours in total on schoolwork each day, depending on age group.
- Read with your children and take the time to practice tables, number bonds, counting etc.
- Do some baking, building, making or craft activities; these are excellent ways of developing creativity and nurturing young minds.
- Teach your child to make toast, tie their laces, use a knife and fork etc.
- Search online for games and activities to reinforce learning.
- Use pasta and everyday objects to help with counting mathematical activities.

*School App: Download 'School Jotter' and select 'Mountnorris Primary School'*



- Draw letters and numbers in glitter or flour on a plate to help children practice these.
- Teach children to research things online and create little PowerPoints or information sheets on Microsoft Word.
- Have fun and develop learning with apps such as Book Creator, Explain Everything, Lego Fix the Factory, Lightbot, Minecraft Education and Scratch Jr.
- Sing songs with your child and learn nursesey rhymes together.
- Encourage your child to play outside and go on a nature walk through your garden or locality if it is safe to do so.

Above all, take this time to enjoy your time together and do the things which we wouldn't normally have the time to do!

Please stay safe and continue to follow government advice regarding being out and social distancing.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Andrew Frizzell (and all the staff!)

