An Roinn Oideachais
Department of Education

Continuity of Schooling: Guidance for Parents and Guardians of Primary School Pupils

What can I expect from my child's school?

You can expect that the school and teachers will support you by:

- **Encouraging** your child to make progress and get involved
- **Keeping in touch** and letting you know the easiest way to contact the school and your child's teachers
- **Assigning** work and activities that are suitable and interesting
- **Feeding back** on your child's work so they stay connected
- **Checking access** and supporting you and your child if broadband is poor or you have no device
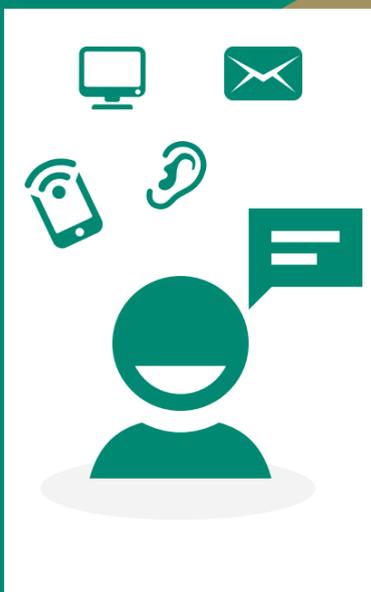
How will the school communicate with my child and how often?

- Expect the school and their teachers to be in contact **daily**, or at least **a number of times** each week
- If your child has special educational needs you can expect regular and, **if necessary, daily** contact
- How the school communicates with you **depends on what is practical** for you and your child - phone, email, a learning platform or school app
- You should **contact the school** if you have concerns about the level of contact your child has with their teachers
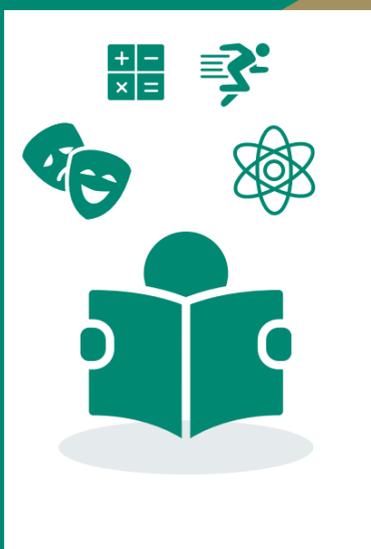
How can I support my child?

You are not expected to be your child's teacher at this time, but you can:

- **Establish a daily routine** which includes family activities and leisure time
- Provide a **quiet space to work** so they are **ready for learning**
- **Talk to them** about their work and **praise their efforts**
- Regularly **check for communications** from school
- Check out RTÉ Home School Hub and Cúla4 ar Scoil

How can I support a child who is finding it difficult to study at home?

You and your child are not alone; it is difficult for many people to work or learn from home

- Find a **quiet time to talk to your child** and find out why they are finding it difficult
- Explore **what might help** and **work together** to find solutions
- **Agree a new routine** that includes enjoyable activities that they can do
- Help them **explore their interests** and goals
- Don't be afraid to **ask for help** from school

How can I help them stay safe while learning remotely?

- Be **aware of the methods** the school is using for online learning
- **Monitor** your child's online activity
- **Install** age-appropriate web browsers and internet filters
- Encourage your child to **follow the rules set out by the teacher** for online activity
- Encourage them to have the **correct posture** while working
- Further advice is available at www.webwise.ie/parents

Most importantly...

Stay positive

Stay active

Connect with family and friends