

Letter for Parents

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you know classes reverted to remote learning on Monday 11th for the month of January. This is so disappointing for us all and not what we were hoping for at the start of a new year. However, we are hopeful that with the roll out of the vaccine we will in time return to more normal day to day living. For information on remote learning see our school website www.scoilidepps.com

We are aware of the difficulties faced by our families during this pandemic and we know that on-line education is a challenge. We wanted to remind you that we have no expectation that during this time you become your child's substitute teacher. We also do not expect you to be doing hours of tutoring with your child every day. We encourage you to be realistic about your child's needs and your own needs.

When trying to think about how we can support ourselves, our families, our communities and our country in the coming weeks, it can be helpful to remind ourselves of these three key messages:

- Stay Responsible & Informed
- Stay Active & Connected
- Stay Positive & Calm

On the following page, we have created links to a range of resources which you may find helpful. Please feel free to contact us if you have any concerns.

Stay Safe.

Kind regards,

Catherine Keane and the Scoil Ide team

The Department of Education National Educational Psychology Service (NEPS) have many resources that you may find useful while the school is closed. These resources can be found on the Department website [here](#)

The screenshot shows a webpage from gov.ie with the title 'Wellbeing advice and resources during COVID-19'. It includes a list of target audiences: 1. Parents - Primary Schools, 2. Parents - Post-Primary Schools, 3. Students, 4. School Staff - Primary Schools, and 5. School Staff - Post-Primary Schools. There are social media sharing options for Email, Facebook, and Twitter. A logo for 'wellbeing in education' is also present. At the bottom, a small text block states: 'The Department of Education NEPS psychologists have developed the following advice and resources for parents, students and school staff to support them during school closure due to COVID-19.'

Plan for a Day

A plan for the day template is available [here](#) to help you and your child put a structure on the day. It suggests trying to have a schedule, creating time for fun activities, time for learning, break times and time for physical activity.



Advice for Young People

NEPS has published *Advice for Young People while Schools are Closed* which is available [here](#)



Relaxation Techniques Podcast

[This link](#) will take you to a podcast from NEPS to help parents and pupils practise relaxation techniques.



Advice for Parents

NEPS has also published *A Guide for Parents on Supporting Children and Young People with Daily Routines while Schools are Closed* which is available [here](#)

