



Dear Parent/Guardian

Classes for 2020/21

Teacher 2019/20	Teacher 2020/21	Teacher 2019/20	Teacher 2020/21
Y1 Mrs Parkes	Y2 Mrs Hagan (initially Miss McWhirter)	Y4 Miss Love	Y5 Mr Addis
Y1 Mrs Kidd	Y2 Miss McClay	Y4 Mrs Murphy	Y5 Miss Higgins
Y2 Miss McClay	Y3 Mrs Graham	Y5 Miss Higgins	Y6 Mr Hill
Y2 Mrs Hagan	Y3 Miss Howie	Y5 Mr Addis	Y6 Miss McLeod
Y3 Miss Howie	Y4 Miss Love	Y6 Miss McLeod	Y7 Mr Baird
Y3 Mrs Graham	Y4 Mrs Murphy	Y6 Mr Hill	Y7 Mrs Hill

Key Dates in June

Tuesday 23rd – Thursday 25th	Parents are invited to collect children's books and belongings. (see information below)
Friday 26th	Y7s along with one parent are invited to collect their hoodies, Records of Achievement, books and belongings. (see information below)
Friday 26th	Last day of Seesaw activities and children will receive their reports via Seesaw.
Friday 26th	Last day of child care within school.
Tuesday 30th	Final weekly newsletter.

Reports – Reports will be sent out via Seesaw on the afternoon of Friday 26 June. Reports are mainly reflective of the work that children completed prior to school closing on Friday 20 March but they may also make reference to some of the activities that the children have completed on Seesaw. I'm sure you can appreciate that it has been very difficult for the teachers to write the reports this year given that they haven't had the children in class from March. End of Key Stage levels for Y4 & Y7 haven't been recorded and nor have PTE/PTM assessment scores as they weren't completed before school closed. It would be my intention that children will complete PTE/PTM assessments at some point in September.

Collecting Books & Personal Belongings

- Collect children's books and personal belongings on Tuesday 23, Wednesday 24 & Thursday 25 June.
- Nursery parents can collect any items in the front foyer of the main school **NOT** in the nursery!
- Y1 parents will collect their children's books & belongings just outside Mrs Kidd's room.
- Y2 parents can collect their children's books and belongings by going in the Y1 door and going up the steps to the play area beside the sinks.

- Don't forget about their PE bags, coats etc.
- **GIVEN THE CURRENT SITUATION DON'T GO INTO ANY CLASSROOMS!**
- **ANY ITEMS NOT COLLECTED BY THURSDAY 25 JUNE WILL BE DISPOSED OF!**

Y7 Leavers – On Friday 26 June Y7 leavers will be invited to school to collect their hoodies (if they ordered one), their Records of Achievement, their books and any other personal belongings. We are also going to arrange for a photographer to be there in order to take some socially distanced photographs of the boys and girls. It's not the way that we normally send our Y7s off but we thought that this would be a good opportunity to say a bit of a good-bye!! We would love as many of our Y7s to come along as possible. One parent per child is also welcome to come along if they wish. **CHILDREN ALSO LEFT LOTS OF PE BAGS, COATS ETC IN THE CLOAKROOMS. THESE ITEMS WILL ALSO BE SET OUT ON A TABLE FOR YOU TO IDENTIFY AND HOPEFULLY TAKE HOME. ANY BOOKS OR PERSONAL ITEMS NOT COLLECTED ON FRIDAY 26 JUNE WILL BE DISPOSED OF!**

Returning School Books – We are aware that lots of children will have reading books, library books, mental maths books etc that belong to school. **IT IS ABSOLUTELY VITAL THAT THESE BOOKS ARE RETURNED AS WE CANNOT AFFORD TO REPLACE THEM. I WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT IN THIS MATTER.** Please have a rummage in your child's school bag & bedroom and return any books as you collect your child's belongings. There will be boxes/tubs for you to leave any books that belong to school.

Website – The website is live from today and I would encourage you to access the website in order to download the App which we will use for communication. Please see the information sheet below. The App will enable you to receive notifications when information (newsletters etc) is posted on the website and will take you directly to it. **It will be very important for you to download the app as all communication over the summer will come through it (SEESAW WILL NOT BE USED)!** In the future all newsletters and notes etc will come through the App as we continue to strive towards paperless communication.

School Uniforms – Even if children only return to school on a part time basis in September they will all be expected to wear school uniform. The uniform suppliers are Cuddys, Gary's, Gordons and Squarewear.

Time Capsules – Please find some information below with ideas for creating a time capsule. A way of reflecting, remembering and dealing with the events of the last 3 months.

Summer School – Peter Weir has announced that schools can open from Monday 20th – Friday 31st July for a Summer School for Y5, 6 & 7 children. As I have previously communicated, school will be closed completely over the summer for a deep clean, in order that the children & staff can safely return in August/September.

School Re-opening – You will be aware that Peter Weir has announced that staff will return to school on Monday 17 August and Y7s will return on Monday 24 August. Dates for other year groups will be confirmed in due course.

Cash Free from September 2020 - We are delighted to inform you that we have recently signed up to the online payment system SchoolMoney. This means that you will have the facility to make payments for school expenses such as school dinners, milk, trips, breakfast club, etc online with your debit or credit card. You won't need to sign up to the system as this is done automatically through school as long as you have provided us with up to date contact details. We will be in touch with you towards the end of the summer when you will be sent a password to access your SchoolMoney account. **Don't forget, if your mobile number or email address changes over the summer, please contact Mrs Lowry via email to let her know at elowry738@c2kni.net**

And Finally – We would like to express our congratulations to Michael Brodison and Amy Armstrong. Past pupils of WPS who have recently been appointed as Head Boy & Head Girl in Carrickfergus Grammar & Belfast High School respectively.

Stay Safe & SHINE, Mr Loughins

Get school updates via your phone

Our school is now listed in the **Schools NI** app, which allows you to view school updates and receive messages via your phone or tablet. The app is available on both Apple and Android devices, and will give you access to our school news, calendar events and letters.

To install the app, open **www.whiteheadps.com** on your phone or tablet and click the 'Download App' button that appears at the top of the screen.

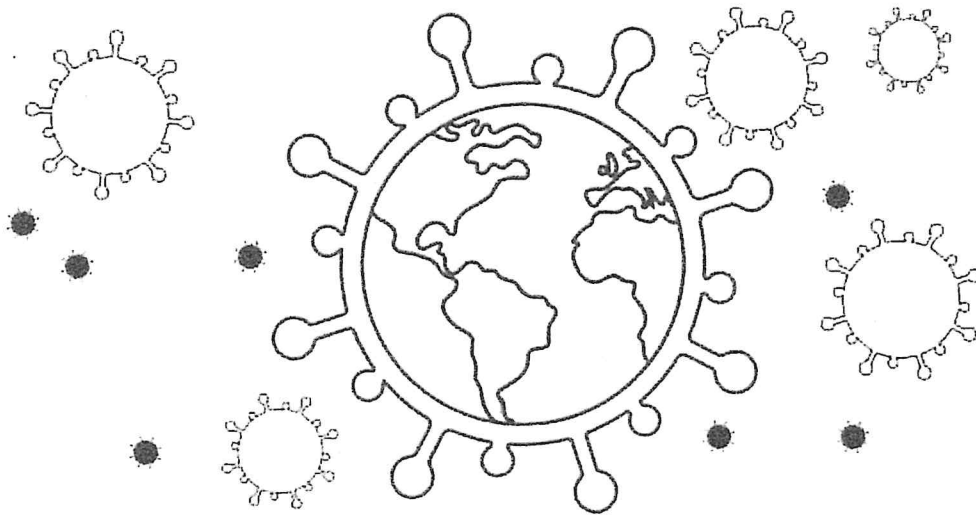


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MY 2020 COVID-19 TIME CAPSULE

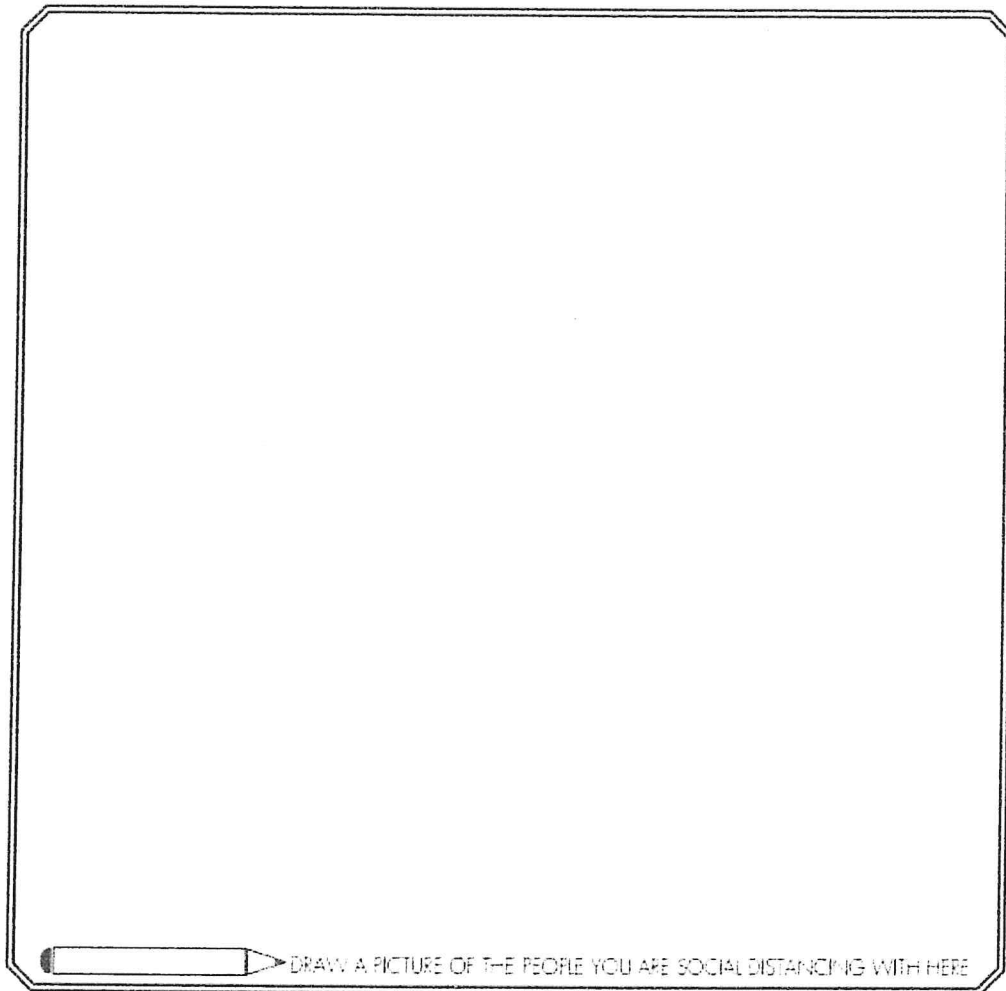


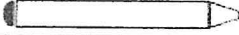
BY: _____

YOU ARE LIVING THROUGH HISTORY RIGHT NOW

TAKE A MOMENT TO FILL IN THESE PAGES FOR YOUR FUTURE SELF TO LOOK BACK ON. AND HERE ARE SOME OTHER IDEAS OF THINGS TO INCLUDE:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> SOME PHOTOS FROM THIS TIME | <input type="checkbox"/> ANY ART WORK YOU CREATED |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A JOURNAL OF YOUR DAYS | <input type="checkbox"/> FAMILY TIME PICTURES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LOCAL NEWSPAPER PAGES OR CLIPPINGS | <input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL MEMORIES |



 DRAW A PICTURE OF THE PEOPLE YOU ARE SOCIAL DISTANCING WITH HERE

♥♥ ALL ABOUT ME ♥♥

I AM

YEARS
OLD

I STAND

INCHES
TALL

I WEIGH

POUNDS

SHOE SIZE

____ MY FAVOURITES ____

TOY: _____

COLOUR: _____

ANIMAL: _____

FOOD: _____

SHOW: _____

MOVIE: _____

BOOK: _____

ACTIVITY: _____

PLACE: _____

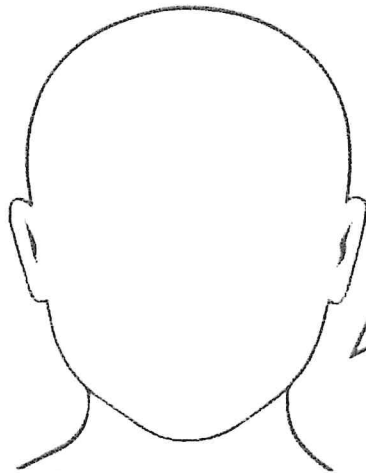
SONG: _____

MY BEST FRIEND/S:

WHEN I GROW UP I WANT TO BE:

DATE: _____

HOW I'M FEELING



HOW MY FACE LOOKS



I AM MOST THANKFUL FOR

WORDS TO DESCRIBE HOW I FEEL:

WHAT I HAVE LEARNT MOST
FROM THIS EXPERIENCE:

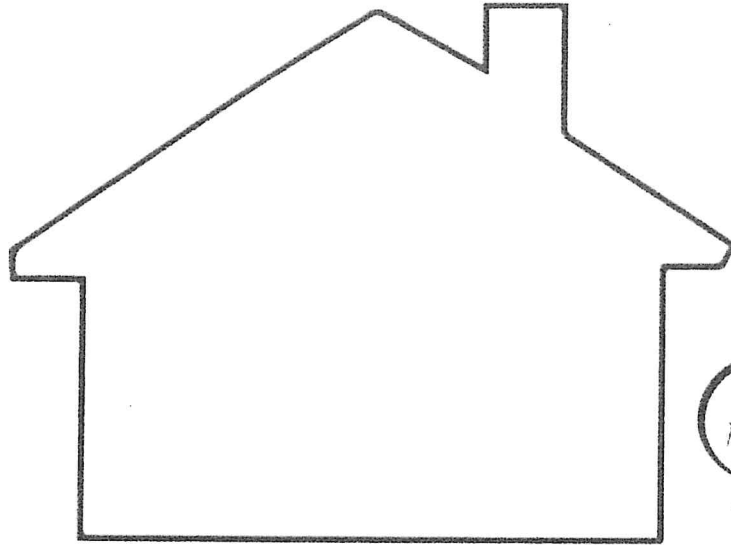
THE 3 THINGS I AM MOST EXCITED TO DO WHEN THIS IS OVER:

1

2

3

MY COMMUNITY



COLOUR THIS HOUSE
TO LOOK LIKE YOURS

WHERE I AM LIVING DURING THIS TIME:



WHAT THINGS ARE YOU DOING TO HELP FEEL CONNECTED/HAVE FUN
OUTSIDE (e.g. hearts in windows, chalk notes on sidewalk, etc.)

HOW ARE YOU CONNECTING WITH OTHERS?



YOU ARE NOT STUCK AT HOME,
YOU ARE SAFE AT HOME!

WHAT I AM DOING TO
KEEP BUSY AT HOME:

OUR HANDPRINTS



PRINT THE HANDS OF ALL THE PEOPLE LIVING IN YOUR HOME
(IN DIFFERENT COLOURS) AND PLACE YOUR HANDS HERE



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SPECIAL OCCASIONS

WHAT OCCASIONS DID YOU CELEBRATE DURING THIS TIME?
WRITE THE LIST DOWN HERE AND WHAT YOU DID TO CELEBRATE
(E.G. ST. PATRICK'S DAY, EASTER, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES)

EVENT	DATE	HOW YOU CELEBRATED

LETTER TO MYSELF

DEAR,

LOVE,

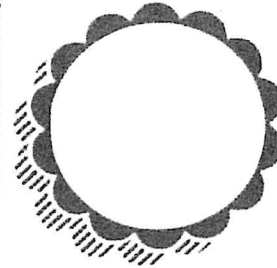
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INTERVIEW YOUR PARENTS

WHAT HAS BEEN THE
BIGGEST CHANGE?

HOW ARE YOU FINDING
HOMESCHOOLING?



DAYS SPENT INSIDE

HOW ARE YOU FEELING?

YOUR TOP 3 MOMENTS FROM THIS EXPERIENCE:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

WHAT ACTIVITIES/HOBBIES HAVE
YOU MOST ENJOYED DOING?

WHAT ARE YOU MOST THANKFUL FOR?

WHAT TV SHOW YOU WATCHED : _____

YOUR NEW FOUND FAVOURITE INSIDE FAMILY ACTIVITY:

FAVOURITE FOOD TO BAKE: _____

FAVOURITE TIME OF DAY: _____

GOAL/S FOR
AFTER THIS:

LETTER FROM YOUR PARENTS

DEAR,

LOVE,

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