



Saine Weekly

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Lockdown Winners

Congratulations from the English Department to Eoin Donnelly and Joseph Mullan for their achievements over lockdown. Eoin finally received his trophy for being the Year 9 Creative Writing Champion and well done to Joseph for having his short story published in the Young Writers' SOS Sagas book. We are very proud of you both!



Our fantastic R.E and History teacher, Ms Nugent has drafted another excellent poem which encapsulates how many of us are feeling during this difficult period.

For all the wonderful teachers, support staff and pupils who are doing their best.

So we've all returned to school,
But nothing's as it was before,
We arrive every day,
With no idea what's in store.
Masks on before you enter,
Remember to sanitise your hands,
But balance the books you're carrying
Who knows where they might land.
You go into the staffroom,
A tone of seriousness fills the air,
The work has already begun,
There's so much to prepare.
You land into your first classroom,
Where is your remote?
Surely it's not in your bag downstairs,
Or in the pocket of your coat?
Why won't this computer work?
Why will the internet not connect?
Little voices in the front row ask,
"Miss are you not ready yet?"

You finally teach your lesson,
And the work is all complete,
Now to get it uploaded quickly,
Onto a One Note sheet.
"But Miss I have no data"
And "Miss my phone is dead"
"I'm not sure what app we are using,
I've forgotten what you said."
Then amongst all the questions,
The bell sounds for you to go,
"Where am I going next?"
Hurry, there's no time to be slow.
You gather your belongings,
And hope you have them all,
Mask on, glasses too,
Careful not to fall.
You pass your colleagues in the corridors,
Like ships in the night,
Smiles and identities concealed,
Rushing from class to class in flight.
You get to your next destination,
And you notice some empty chairs,
Oh no they must be at home,
Who is going to teach them there?
I need to set them an assignment,
They can't have nothing to do,
But you're stopped in your tracks by the words,
"Miss, remember we need taught too."
You reach the end of the day,
Your last class trickles home,
You finally catch your breathe,
With your thoughts you're now alone.
You really are exhausted,
Your head is pounding too,
You think about the evening ahead
And question, if you have it in you.

You get home to your safe space,
You can finally rest a while,
You try to ignore the marking,
That's stacked up in a virtual pile.
Back to the screen you go,
Lessons must be prepped,
Make sure everything's online,
You must not forget!
Then move on to the marking,
There's deadlines to be met,
No - keep going!
It's not your bed time yet.
But your eyes become too sleepy,
And that's enough for one day,
So you crawl in to bed
And join your hands to pray.
Dear God I hope you hear me,
And all my friends in school too,
Please give us strength to face this time,
With patience and trust in you.
Help us to still be kind,
And to see the struggle in others' eyes,
Help us to see behind the masks,
Behind this new disguise.
Remind us amidst the madness,
To slow down and calm our pace,
And to recall the lessons of lockdown,
That life is not a race.
Protect us from this virus,
Our pupils and families the same,
Keep us safe within your care,
Until things return to normal once again.
These days won't last forever,
Covid19 will one day be our past,
But for now, help us see this through,
With a hope and faith that lasts.

Covid-19 Symptoms

If a member of your household shows any symptoms of Covid-19 you must not send your child to school but should contact the school to make us aware of the situation.

All members of your household should self-isolate immediately and the household member exhibiting the symptoms should book a Covid-19 test. When the test result is known, you should inform the school immediately.

Your child should not return to school until the result of the test is known and the school has been informed.

If the symptomatic household member's test is negative, then your child may return to school.

If, the symptomatic household member's test is positive, they must by law self-isolate for 10 days from their symptoms starting. If they haven't had symptoms they must self-isolate for 10 days from their test. Other members of your household must self-isolate for fourteen days in line with the guidance provided by the Public Health Agency.

If a pupil tests positive out of school hours, please contact us on the Emergency Phone on **07518979615**.



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The background of the 'Office Opening Times' section features a top-down view of various office supplies on a white surface. Visible items include a black binder clip, a yellow paperclip, a blue paperclip, a silver stapler, a yellow pencil, a blue pencil, a yellow pencil sharpener, a blue pen, and a white eraser.

Office Opening Times

8.30am - 9.00am

10.35am - 10.50am (KS3 pupils)

10.05am - 10.20am (KS4 pupils)

10.20am - 10.35am (Post 16 pupils)

3.30pm - 3.45pm

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