



LOUGH VIEW (Weekly!) NEWS



29th May 2020

Contingency Planning

Next week marks the start of the final month of this extraordinary school year. I am sure that you, like all of us, are keen for more information to be provided regarding what a return to Lough View will look like after the summer. At present, the only thing we know is that 'key cohorts' will return in 'late August' with a 'phased' return for all other year groups in September. In the absence of any clarity, I can assure parents that staff and Governors are working hard behind the scenes to put plans in place for children to return to school safely. We are also trying to complete normal tasks that would happen at this time of year such as transition visits and end of year reports. It is my intention to write to you by mid-June at the latest to confirm as much as we can to allow you time to make plans for your family.

Retirement News

Mr McCarroll has informed the Board of Governors of his intention to retire in the summer. To say that he has been part of the fabric of Lough View over the last 30 years would be an understatement. Mr McCarroll's son Ben was one of the first pupils to attend Lough View and not long after, his Dad was appointed as a teacher in 1995. Whilst we will be very sad to see Mr McCarroll leave, his contribution to all we have achieved at Lough View will not be forgotten. When things go back to normal, we will mark Mr McCarroll's time with us appropriately. The Board have begun the process of recruiting a replacement and more information will be provided in due course.

Provision of Childcare for Key Workers

We continue to be able to provide some limited provision next week to families who need to use school **as a last resort with no other option available.**

If you wish to be considered please contact Mrs Black via the school email address but please note that due to very limited availability, we are prioritising places in order of key worker groups as outlined by the Department of Education. **This provision is reviewed on a daily basis and may be withdrawn at short notice on health and safety grounds.**

Eid Mubarak!

We hope our Muslim families enjoyed the festival of Eid-Al-Fitr over the weekend as Ramadan came to an end. No doubt this was a slightly different celebration this year, with so many restrictions in place, but a very special time for many Lough View families nonetheless.

Online School Uniform Shop Open

With restrictions still in place for non-essential retail, our uniform suppliers have been in touch to let us know that school uniforms can be ordered online

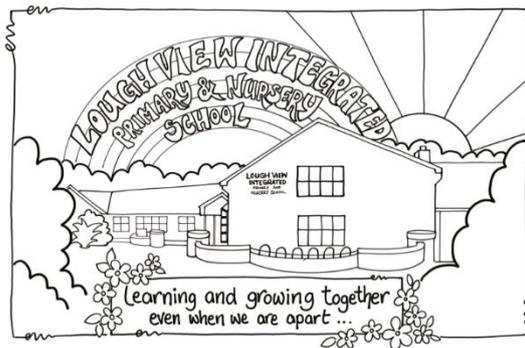
from the [Signature Schools website.](#)

Remember 10% of all uniform sales is donated back to school funds.



Hello Boys and Girls!

So there are four full weeks left of school, your new packs are up and running, the sun is shining and we are allowed to spend some time with our friends outside (as long as we keep our distance). It feels like there is lots of good news this week, thank you for working so hard whilst you have been away!



Mr Spillane's Weekly Challenge

I think you are really going to like this week's challenge! We have had some personalised Lough View colouring pages designed and I would like you to display all your artistic talents to help me make a lovely display in school. All the instructions for how you can get them will be on our Facebook Page. When they are finished, please return them back to school and you will help me make school feel like an even brighter place to be!

Different Ways of Learning

