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Hi Girls.

*I wrote all this letter earlier today and had it all ready to go on the website for you to read on Tuesday morning. I was just watching the news and the speech from Leo Varadkar as maybe some of you are too. He just told us that the schools and colleges won't open until next September. So girls we won't be able to see you until after the summer holidays. I was hoping that we would be able to go back to school in September but now we have to be patient because the most important thing is keeping the people of Ireland safe and well. That's you, all your families, the teachers and their families. I know you are probably disappointed, especially 6<sup>th</sup> class but the staff of St Brigid's are still here, even if we are at home. Next week we will have emails set up so you and your parents can email your teacher, even if it's just to say hi.*

Today is the 1st of May so that means it's the first day of summer. I'm looking out the window and the sun is shining and all the trees have their leaves, all different shades of green. Plenty clouds in the sky too trying to hide the sun away. I hope it keeps shining for the weekend. We have a bank holiday this weekend so the teachers are only going to have work for you on Tuesday-Friday.

I hope you are all getting on OK at home. I know it's not the same as school and it's probably hard some days to get your work done as it's not the same at home as in the classroom. I feel the same way some days, I sit down in my office (now my kitchen table) and I give a big sigh and think this is so much easier in school, in the office. Think when we are in school our brains are switched on to work more. So now we have to trick our brains into thinking this our new office or classroom. It's OK to feel like this some days, take a big deep breath and just

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start. Maybe some days you do some work and then take a break and go for a walk, get some exercise, this definitely helps me.

I'm talking to the teacher's all the time and we have decided that from next week if your parent/guardian wants to send in some of your work, maybe take a picture of the page of work and send it in through email the teachers are going to take a look at how you are getting on. Send in any questions you have too, tell them if you are finding the work easy or hard.

I was very impressed with some of the pictures that have come in so far, a great project on Coronavirus, a great model of a Norman castle, a super shape bunny and some fantastic symmetrical pictures. A little glimpse into all the great work going on, I'd love to see lots more.

Now I have a little bit of good news, the Active Committee and Ms Carroll's 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> will be especially happy with this. You might remember I told you that these girls planted flowers out in the junior yard just before Christmas so we would have some lovely flowers....and then nothing happened in spring!! Well have a look below at the picture that Ms Montague sent to me when she was out on her walk.



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Aren't they beautiful, now we did plant daffodils and I'm not sure did they just decide to stay asleep until next year but these are lovely. Hopefully we will see them again next year when we are in school to see them.

These are some daffodils I planted at home that did grow. Maybe you try doing some gardening for the next few months. I don't have a garden, only a balcony but still can have some flowers growing in pots. Maybe next time Mam/Dad is going shopping there might be some flower seeds in the shops or better again some vegetables you could grow. Try out those green fingers and have some healthy dinners too.

My last photo is of my creative baking, I made some profiteroles for the first time, they were pretty easy to make, not perfect round shapes but they tasted so good. Yum!!

Now for the month of May I'm going



to try out some nice healthy recipes. I'll let you know how I get on.

Now ladies because it is May it is time for you to get a new challenge. For April I asked you to **BE CREATIVE**. For this month I'm going to ask you to **'BE PATIENT'**.

I think we are all going to have to work hard at this one, being patient until we can all go back to work, being patient with everyone at home and make sure you are doing your best. Being patient when the homework is a little bit tricky. Being patient when you are waiting for the flowers to grow.



That's it from me Ladies; I look forward to seeing more pictures, keep an eye on the website for new things to do, take a look at some of the lovely things our SET teachers have put up, Ms Ní Annracháin, Ms Walsh, Ms Byrne and our new teacher Ms Ryan. Ms Ryan replaces Ms Clarke and is working hard to put up some nice ideas for you to try out

Happy Friday. Enjoy the long weekend. Take care of everyone.

V. Ferguson