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I hope you all had a successful first week of remote learning. It certainly is not the ideal situation for pupils, parents or teachers but we will continue to make the best of a challenging situation. Thank you for supporting all your children over the past week to complete activities, post work to Seesaw and engage in Zoom calls. We had a very high attendance rate at all zoom calls and hope the children enjoyed the experience. To make these calls as productive and successful as possible going forward, please remind your children about appropriate behaviour during calls. All children should have their family name entered on their profile so that the teacher can admit them to the call. Please mute all microphones and only unmute your microphone if your child is invited to speak.

Our school Admissions Policy has been reviewed in line with change to legislation. All schools in the Parish of Allen now have a common window for applications. **Parents may submit applications for admission to Robertstown NS until February 3rd. Application forms are available on our website or can be emailed to you.**

Gráinne's Weekly Art Challenge is available on our school website at [http://robertstownns.ie/?page\\_id=8658](http://robertstownns.ie/?page_id=8658) Children are invited to send in photos of their creations for our website by Wednesday 3pm. Please indicate that you wish the photo to be posted to the website. Have lots of fun and feel free to add your own twist to your masterpiece.

As children are working on devices, it is important that adequate levels of security are in place. Webwise Parents Hub offers lots of support for parents in this area. You can access this website at <https://www.webwise.ie/parents/>

NEPS offers advice to parents to help maintain structure and routine in the home at this time of school closure. Some children and parents may struggle to maintain a daily routine while schools are closed. Attached please find a document from NEPS offering advice to parents around the importance to creating and maintaining structure and routine in the home.

Children and young people can help themselves to get through this time by creating a Plan for the Day every evening for the day ahead, and they may need your help with this, particularly younger children. The Plan for the Day should include where possible:

1. Schoolwork
2. Normal Daily Routines
3. Physical Activities & Housework
4. Social Activities
5. Enjoyable/Creative Activities

Please find attached a letter for parents from the School Dental Service.