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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As the children are spending school time at home for the next couple of weeks we have set them up with access to an online spelling programme.

The **Spellings For Me** programme is an Irish interactive programme that caters for the needs of each individual child targeting their level of spelling ability and helping them progress effectively with spelling. You can read all about it on the **Spellings For Me** website and we will forward your child's login details in the coming days. Some of the children have already started this and will know what to do.

When the children login to their profile, they will see yellow spelling tests and blue dictation sentences tests. Tell them to ignore the blue dictation tests for now. Each child should continue with yellow spelling tests until they get locked out. There is also an option for pupils to skip on levels. We do not recommend doing this. Please note that as each level is completed, you will be given the choice to self-correct or computer correct. Choose computer correct as the computer will then store all incorrect words so that your child can focus on these.

When the pupil logs in, this is what he/she does –

- ✓ Go to <https://scoilnaomhfeichin.spellingsforme.ie/>
This link will be on the Notice Board page of the Scoil Naomh Feichin school website.
- ✓ Once logged in the pupils start by clicking on the first orange box.
- ✓ The pupils are asked to spell words and they type them in.
- ✓ At the end of the test, they should click - **“Correct by Computer”**.
- ✓ This will give a score of how many words are spelt correctly.
- ✓ The words that are incorrectly spelt are saved on a Learning List.
- ✓ The child proceeds to go through the list in each of the subsequent yellow boxes.
- ✓ When a pupil has got a certain number of words incorrect they are locked out and have to go back to learn the words on their “Learning List” before they can go any further.
- ✓ While the children are locked out, they can keep practising spellings using the blue dictation sentences tests. These tests contain the exact same words as the corresponding yellow spelling tests, however they are in sentence format.
- ✓ They could also practise their writing genre tests.

We look forward to seeing how your child gets on with the programme and will monitor his/her progress while he/she is undertaking it.

Scoil Naomh Feichin Teachers