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2nd April 2020,

Dear Boys and Girls of Rush National School,

I hope you are all doing well and not missing school too much! We are definitely missing you.

Normally, at this stage of the school year I would be meeting you all at our last 'Teacht le Cheile' before the Easter holidays and recovering from our Easter Cake Sale and all that chocolate! As we are not in school, I thought it to be a good idea to write a letter instead to wish you all a happy Easter.

I realise that you are disappointed that you can't go to school as normal. Trust me; life will go back to normal soon and you will be back chatting with your friends, playing in the yard and generally just having great fun.

Both the teachers and I are so impressed by all the great work that you are doing at home and we really enjoy hearing your stories and seeing pictures of you and your projects!

I am really enjoying spending time with my family and I'm sure that you are too. Remember to help out at home and to be patient with your mam and dad as they have a lot to juggle at the moment.

I have some news for you. I spoke with Father Kevin yesterday and we can guarantee that the boys and girls in 2nd class will make their First Holy Communion as soon as the school reopens. We might need a week or two to practice but it will happen!

I'm sure 6th class are wondering the same about their Confirmation. We will organize everything when we return to school. It will be a great day and a most memorable occasion.

Speaking of highlights, we would never let a 6th class leave Rush National School without a graduation, so rest assured, we will work it all out.

You know that I like to tell stories about myself and my life and this letter is no different. Like you, I am at home for the past three weeks. I am looking after my three sons as my wife is a nurse. I am struggling to teach a 3rd class pupil and a Senior Infant pupil at the same time! However, my biggest challenge is trying to entertain my three year old son! It is hard work so I can't wait until I get back to school and into my office! I have another piece of news. I am trying to grow a beard and I am not going to shave it off until we are all back in school. It looks a little funny and a little grey!

I really miss hearing all your stories and adventures so maybe you would like to write a letter back to me at mdoran@rushnationalschool.ie .

I hope that you all have a lovely Easter, with a couple of chocolate Easter eggs maybe?

Slán go fóill,

Morgan Doran