

CSSC congratulates the staff, teachers, Principals and governors of controlled schools in maintaining continuity of learning and support for pupils during recent times. Education has only continued throughout the lockdown period due to the immense contribution of all controlled school staff.

We also wish to acknowledge the role of parents in working with schools and supporting their children's continued education, especially with many parents working from home whilst looking after children and supervising their learning.

As schools across Northern Ireland reach the end of an unprecedented school year, the Council join with EA below in expressing our gratitude and appreciation to the staff, teachers, Principals and governors of controlled schools.



Dear Colleague,

As we come to the end of the academic year, we wish to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all controlled schools governors, Principals, teaching and support staff for their outstanding commitment and dedication.

Despite the unprecedented challenges and uncertainty of recent months, school leaders have maintained continuity of learning and support for pupils. We appreciate this work was undertaken whilst simultaneously caring for the most vulnerable children and the children of keyworkers. School leaders have quickly adapted to the situation and we acknowledge the exceptional leadership and support provided to their staff, pupils, families and communities.

Staff in our schools continue to be a credit to their profession. They have worked tirelessly to ensure the best possible learning opportunities are provided to their pupils and for this we are extremely grateful.

We also recognise the efforts and commitment of staff in special schools, who have continued to provide essential support to children with a range of special educational needs, and their families.

On behalf of both of our organisations, we thank everyone involved in supporting children and young people throughout this time and we assure you we will do everything we can to continue to support you in the time ahead.

Barry Mulholland, Chief Executive, Controlled Schools' Support Council
Sara Long, Chief Executive, Education Authority



School Ethos

CSSC has been inspired by recent stories from controlled schools and how they reflect school ethos. A number of Principals kindly shared their experiences with us in a series of videos. [Watch the first here.](#)



Life at Culmore Primary School

We continue with the CSSC series of news stories on schools while they operate in varied and exceptional circumstances. This week we hear from Clare McMenamain, Principal, Culmore Primary School. [Enjoy their story here.](#)



Hezlett Primary School

Hezlett Primary School pupils have been engaging in lots of learning activities to keep motivated since lockdown commenced on 23 March. Every class has had individual challenges and competitions, from designing castles and vehicles to sharing creative designs to represent butterfly life cycles. [Read more here.](#)



Online resources

Online Science resources from Key Stage 1 to 5 to support children's learning at home. These resources are currently being offered for free. [Find out more here.](#)



20 Activities for 20 Days

Lots of ideas for fun, play-based activities for pre-school children. All of the activities are linked to the Getting Ready to Learn programme themes. [Click here to access.](#)



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