



All change on Pearse Street!

On 12 March we were told we had to close our Childcare and Day Centre immediately. Later on, the lockdown meant we had to change the way we deliver all our services. Most staff are working from home. Those who are in the building are observing strict HSE guidelines. Our home care team, providing home help and meals services have ramped up activity, with 170 meals delivered every day. Strict guidelines are being followed to protect staff and clients.

We have linked in with residents around the community who are acting as a point of contact with their neighbours.

The message is simple: we are here for the community, and the community is here for each other. Calls to national helplines, like Alone, from this area are referred to us and we follow up. All calls and emails to the Centre are responded to: we help however we can.
CALL 01 6771930 or email info@standrews.ie

Supporting our Seniors

Looking after older neighbours is a priority for the Centre - the housebound, those unable to come to the Day Centre or shop or cook for themselves. Dedicated home helps are visiting clients every day, wearing protective equipment and following strict protocols. Our team deliver 150 meals every day, with assistance from the Gardai. They're true local heroes!

We're also calling older neighbours every day to make sure they're ok.

Grateful thanks to local businesses and residents who've donated food, face masks, sanitizers and other equipment. We need help to help others too!

KNOW SOMEONE WHO NEEDS HOMECARE? CALL 01 6771930.



St. Andrew's Resource Centre

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**St. Andrew's
Update**

Covid-19 Special Edition

This edition of the Mini Link is brought to you by the team in St. Andrews Resource Centre.

We hope you find it useful some of the links included are available directly from our Web site
www.standrews.ie

Live Mass from Westland Row:

We have set up a link to Live Mass in Westland Row Church with Father Enda. If you, or someone you know, would like to view mass click the link on the web site or if you contact us we can help you navigate to it. 01 677 1930 – Get In Touch

Talk About Youth

Like all the Centre's services, the Youth Team are working on line to support youth groups and young people in the area with activities, competitions, online resources and direct contact. Social media is full of examples of that work, and the responses and initiatives of our brilliant young people. The team are open to suggestions from any young people for activities and groups. They're already planning for the summer ahead. They'd love to hear from you: give them a call or follow them on Facebook at [Talkaboutyouth](#)

Welfare Rights

Are you unsure about welfare entitlements? How will your tax situation be affected? Problems with rent or landlord? Our Welfare Rights advice service is still available. **CALL 01 6771930.**

Community Links

The Centre has been delighted to support key people around the area who are acting as Links for their neighbours. They're getting the word out about what's available, and feeding back to the Centre what problems people are experiencing. And they've been lifting spirits with Balcony Bingo and other events. The Centre has been delighted to support them with bingo machines and other assistance. **WELL DONE ALL!**



St Andrews Childcare News

It's a strange time for our childcare team: no Centre and no children! But they are supporting parents and children through a very active WhatsApp group, providing suggestions and resources and contact for parents and children. They're preparing for the day when they can welcome children back to the Centre. In the meantime, they can provide links and resources to keep children entertained and occupied. **CONTACT MARTINA on 01 6771930.**

Family Support

Families are under pressure at this time. Keeping kids in doors and entertained, while getting school work done and balancing tight budgets isn't easy. For some, it's just too much. And babies still get born, and new parents still have to get used to looking after them. Our family support services are operating online and by phone. Resource packs have also been distributed to families around the area. Counselling is also continuing remotely, but effectively. Support is only a call away, confidential and caring. **Call Dara on 016771930.**

Job Centre and CE

It's a tough time for so many, laid off from work or with jobs completely closed. Many CE participants can't come to work. The Centre is supporting many people through regular phone calls, keeping up morale and helping people to plan for the future. Jobs will reopen, starting with construction and outdoor working. We're gearing up to help people back to work. It's not too soon to make plans!
CALL THE JOB CENTRE ON 01 6771930 or our helpline on 019 12 12 00
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