

19<sup>th</sup> March 2020



Dear Parent/Guardian

I am sure you are fully aware that the Minister of Education has announced that all schools will close on Friday for all pupils. As we are having a School Development Day on Friday, all pupils will finish today.

Confusing announcements were made by the both the Prime Minister and the First Minister earlier this evening. These announcements were later followed by an email from the Minister of Education for Northern Ireland, which stated the following...

*'Schools, pre-schools, and statutory nurseries will close at the end of the day on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March for all pupils and children.'*

Your child's teacher, assistant/s and the entire school staff have been working incredibly hard to prepare a home learning programme for your child. As explained in previous communication this will be largely controlled via Seesaw. Two weeks of worksheets have been collated and sent home and each week your child's teacher will upload new activities to Seesaw. We also hope to introduce a Home Learning page on our website, where each child will have access to additional materials. We envisage this to be a lengthy period of absence so please don't complete all the work in the first week! Ideally your child should complete one Literacy and Numeracy activity per day, alongside reading. Your child's timetable is available on Seesaw should you wish to try and keep their routine consistent.

For any family whose child is not currently in school this pack is available for collection from the school office. Please practice recommended social contact routines and enter school via the main entrance.

*I cannot stress enough that if you are self-isolating for **any reason** related to coronavirus you **cannot** personally collect these packs, please ask a friend, neighbour or another parent to do this for you.*

As a school we wish you all well, this has been a very strange week for all of us. Thank you for your numerous messages of encouragement and support. I also want to publically thank our staff who as I knew they would, have responded to this challenge in an exceptionally professional, supportive and passionate manner.

We will really miss seeing your children on a daily basis but look forward to reading your messages and seeing pictures on Seesaw of what you are all doing as you self-isolate.

Be safe everyone and hopefully we will all be back in school soon.

Yours faithfully

Yours sincerely,  
Miss L Brett  
Principal

