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Dear Parents,

Upcoming School Closure and Change to the School Holiday List

Yesterday, the NI Executive announced that there will be a two week 'circuit breaker' closure of all schools commencing **Monday 19th October 2020.**

This is extending our half-term holiday break from **Monday 19th October to Friday 30th October 2020.** The children will return to school on **Monday 2nd November.**

As this is an extension of the Hallowe'en half-term break there will be no learning packs sent home nor will there be remote learning through Seesaw.

During the week beginning **Monday 19th October** direct payments will be made to pupils in receipt of Free School Meals.

I recognise that this 'circuit breaker' is essential in fighting the pandemic and ensuring that the health and well-being of all is prioritised. Unfortunately, COVID-19 is impacting on our school with a number of staff and pupils having to self-isolate currently and during the last nine weeks. This break will provide everyone with the opportunity to regroup and be refreshed to 'take on' the second half of the winter term.

I would like to thank the staff, the children and you, our parents, for the diligence and commitment shown to our new school arrangements.

I thank you in advance of your continued understanding and support.

Yours sincerely,

Louise McKnight