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Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the Northern Ireland Executive announcement today, the Education Minister Peter Weir has informed us that all schools will have their half-term holiday break extended from 19th to 30th October. Schools will be closed to all pupils for these two weeks, including vulnerable children and children of keyworkers.

During the week beginning 19th October, direct payments will be made to pupils in receipt of free school meals.

As this is an extension of the half-term break, children will be on holiday. There will therefore be no remote learning or work packs provided for pupils. They can have a much needed rest as they have been working so hard! Mathematics and Accelerated Reading quizzes will however be available online if pupils wish to use them.

School will reopen on Monday 2nd November. In the event of an extended lockdown where pupils may be asked to remain at home, remote learning will be provided through Seesaw (Primary 1-3) and Google Classroom (Primary 4-7). Hard packs will be available on request.

On Friday 16th October, Hallowe'en costumes can be worn by pupils (or own clothes if preferred). Parents' meetings by telephone will now be postponed and rescheduled at a later date.

We appreciate that this announcement has come at short notice – we thank you for your continued co-operation. We ask that you and your families adhere strictly to social distancing measures during this holiday period so that pupils can return to school as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Mary Redmond

Principal