



Dromore Road Primary School

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Dear Parent / Guardian,

I hope everyone is keeping safe and well. Following the Northern Ireland Executive's announcement that schools will remain closed until Monday 8th March at the earliest, below is some important information moving forward.

Half term break for the pupils is from Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February and school will be closed during this period for key workers or vulnerable pupils. Please use the break to switch off completely and enjoy some downtime with your family, I think we're all ready for the break!! The children have all worked so hard since Christmas and we are delighted with the high standards of work they are continuing to produce.

To allow staff time to get resources ready for after half term break, there will be no new work set on Friday 12th February. This will be a catch up day to complete any outstanding Seesaw tasks or to finish any of the activities from their Home Learning pack that they've missed. As teachers will be in school planning and photocopying resources, please be aware that teachers will be unavailable to provide immediate feedback.

Home learning and supervised learning will recommence on Monday 22nd Feb and tasks on this date will be predominantly online, via Seesaw. This is to facilitate the collection of the new packs and reading books and these will be ready for collection between the times of 8.30am and 1.30pm on Monday 22nd (please adhere to social distancing rules). We would kindly ask that any reading books that your child has finished reading are returned at this time so that books don't get mislaid. If for any reason you are unable to collect your child's pack on this date, please contact the school and we will try to make alternative arrangements.

Resource packs will include literacy and numeracy activities up to the week beginning the 8th March, when we hope to be in a position to return to school. However, as you are probably aware the Executive is due to meet over half term break to clarify the position and as soon as I have any definite details about the return to school I will be in touch.

As we move towards the end of this half term, I would like to thank you all for your cooperation as we have adapted to another period of remote learning. I know how difficult and stressful home schooling can be and commend you for the fabulous job you have been doing. In these strange times we all need to support each other as life has changed dramatically for us all and I would encourage you to maintain a good balance between academic activities and making time for activities that benefit well-being.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S. McGrath (Principal)