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13 March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

COVID-19 Contingency

In light of the existing advice that schools in NI should remain open, and remaining conscious of the fact that there is a very real possibility of school closures in the near future, we would like to share some relevant information about our plans to deal with such a closure and our on-going measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

To date we have been following the Public Health Agency advice circulated by the Department of Education. Our pupils and staff have been practising proper hygiene and we have been raising awareness of the PHA advice with our pupils in an age appropriate form.

At all times, our aim is to inform and educate our pupils about preventing infection, but doing so in a manner that does not create any unnecessary worry or anxiety.

We have currently no pupils or members of staff who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or who are suspected of having COVID-19 and we are planning for school to resume again on Wednesday 18th March as normal.

We have taken the decision to cancel a number of upcoming events, including our Mothers' Day Tea Party next week and our proposed Big Breakfast Events (to celebrate Integrated Education Month) on 25th and 26th March. Other events that are planned for in the coming weeks will remain under review and decisions will be informed by PHA and DE guidance.

In the event of a closure, teachers are preparing work to send home with pupils. This work will be accompanied by an explanatory note and will be sent home on Wednesday 18 March.

Should we be advised to close at any point, then a text message will be sent to provide some initial information. Thereafter, we will keep you advised of any further updates via our website, Twitter and Facebook accounts.

At this point, our thoughts are with anyone affected by COVID-19 and the medical professionals dealing with the virus.

Regards

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