



18th March 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: school closure

The COVID -19 Virus continues to spread. As a school, we are deeply concerned about the possible impact on our staff and pupils, their families and the wider school community. We have been monitoring the situation closely in school and will continue to take all necessary precautions in line with the relevant guidance.

Whilst we cannot provide information on the circumstances relating to individual staff or pupils, we can confirm that following recent consultation with the Public Health Agency and the Education Authority, we have decided to temporarily close the school from **tomorrow, Thursday 19th March**. The school will use Exceptional Closure Days to cover Thursday 19th and Friday 20th March.

As you may be aware from a recent press release, **all schools** in Northern Ireland will close **from Monday 23rd March 2020 until further notice**.

We will continue to keep you informed of our plans to support pupils' distance learning. Further details of how parents and pupils can access this information will be shared tomorrow. We will also issue details of how parents can get in touch with us in school.

Thank you for your support in this on-going, difficult situation.

Yours faithfully

Denise Macfarlane
Principal

Neil Clarke
Chair, Board of Governors