

# OMAGH INTEGRATED PRIMARY SCHOOL, NURSERY & PRE-SCHOOL

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## **Extended Midterm**

16<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parent,

In light of the First Minister's announcement on Wednesday, our school will be closed to pupils from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October until Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October inclusive.

As this is an extension of the half-term break it is not intended to be used for remote learning. Those pupils in Year 7 however, who have elected to sit AQE transfer exams in November will be provided with some Transfer Practice papers, which should be completed during the break.

It is important to note that this closure is for all pupils, including for vulnerable children and children of key workers.

The Department of Education is making an additional payment directly to parents of children entitled to Free School Meals from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October.

We look forward to reopening on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, although this date will be under review by DE closer to the time. Should this current closure be extended, then we will make provision for remote learning through Seesaw for Nursery & Pre School through to Year 6 and Seesaw + Microsoft Teams for Year 7.

If you have not already linked in with your child's teacher on Seesaw, please do so immediately...codes have been issued on several occasions in the last few weeks.

We wish to pay tribute to our pupils and all of our staff for their outstanding efforts over the last 8/9 weeks. School has remained a calm and happy environment for pupils to learn and our boys and girls have dealt with the new arrangements very maturely.

In particular, we want to recognise our very youngest pupils in Pre School, Nursery & Year 1 who have shown such independence and courage in saying goodbye to parents and carers each morning and embracing life in school with such happiness.

Finally, parents, thank you for adhering to our new routines and for working with us to ensure our school is as safe as possible for the entire school community.

Regards

*Mr Gavin Gallagher*

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