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Dear Parent

March 15th 2020

According to recent announcements from The First Minister, Academy will close at some point in the future. It is also anticipated that we will be shut for a protracted period. I am fully aware of concerns of our school community at this difficult time and of the implications to families financially and in terms of the resulting difficulties. To date as far as I can ascertain there have been no positive cases reported to me by parents or staff.

Belated guidance from EA states that schools should remain open until we are directed to do otherwise. I am meeting with Mr Fegan on Tuesday to finalise further contingency measures to keep your children as safe as possible whilst school remains open which I will relay to you on Wednesday after we meet staff at 3-4 p.m. I fully respect the right of parents not to send their child/children back to school on Wednesday but would ask that if it is your choice of action that this is briefly put in writing to me by email or via a note. The weeks that lie ahead are uncharted waters and will result in many events, activities and opportunities being cancelled or curtailed. I thank you for the continued trust you place in the governors and staff of our school.

- Please continue to follow any medical advice.
- Please avoid social media hysteria.
- Please support the traders and businesses of Saintfield.
- Please watch out for others less fortunate or able in our community.
- Please keep your children from unnecessary worry.
- Please watch out for regular updates.

You are all much in my thoughts at this time.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'S.H. Moore' followed by a stylized flourish.

SH Moore
Principal