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Dear Parents and Carers

It is with great sadness that I am writing to you today as a result of the government's announcement to close all schools as of next Monday 23rd March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In this unprecedented and uncertain situation that we are all currently facing, we want to reassure you that we will be continuing to support your children as best we can in these coming weeks and months ahead.

At this stage there is still no clarity on our role as a school going forward. However, I would like to share with you some of the work that we intend to do over the coming weeks in order to support your children in the continuation of some of their pre school development at home.

We appreciate that, for many of you who may still be working, these times will be particularly challenging. However, for many it is a time that we can maybe look at as an opportunity to cherish. These early years with our children are so precious, and we must make the most of having them at home before they join the exciting but long journey of Primary School education.

Over the coming weeks we will be contacting you by email (which you used when applying online to the nursery). If your email has since changed then please contact us via our [info@](mailto:info@ballyclarens.ballyclare.ni.sch.uk) email address at the top of this letter.

- We will be putting together activity and resource packs for you to collect from us at a so far unarranged time (to be communicated with you via email). We will also be sending out the usual end of year Transition Reports. These will be completed to show children's progress so far this academic year and further information will follow. There will also be the opportunity to collect any belongings that may be left here in school such as clothing bags, medication etc.
- We will be using our website as a 'learning hub' and will upload a series of videos and online links to activity ideas, stories and songs.
- We would still like to give the children their graduation certificates and gifts and arrangements for this will be made in due course as appropriate to the developing situation.

We would all like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and commitment to our school over these past months whilst your children have been in our care.

As a staff we are so sorry that we will not be working with you for the rest of this academic year in school and supporting your children in their learning, development and preparation for moving onto Primary School.

Sending you and your families all our best wishes for the coming months ahead.

Kind Regards

Emma Corry

Principal

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