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Dear Parent/Carer,

Last night, the NI Executive announced that pre-school educational establishments are 'required to provide remote learning at home to their pupils rather than face to face teaching in school, until the half term break in the middle of February'. I received an email this morning confirming that this comes into effect from Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Therefore, today is the last day that we will be open to all children until we return to school after the half term break which will be **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021**.

As was the case during the Lockdown of March 2020, children who have a parent/carers that is a key worker who would otherwise have no option but to stay at home and 'vulnerable' children can attend Nursery School. If you are a key worker with no alternative childcare arrangements for your child or a parent/carers of a vulnerable child and wish your child to attend Nursery then please complete the Microsoft form on the following weblink or by using the link that was sent via Schools NI Messaging App by **1.00pm**. This will enable us to plan for the bubble and rotation of staff. <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-yeCOETeDkaBkAVAK4mNqMSW1lj2GB1CoG6LNYsmpRdUOEIdIQ1JaUDFJT1dHTKtIWIBNVzFBNUxYMC4u>

We will finalise our remote learning plan during tonight's team meeting and I will then inform you of the plan for the next six weeks. The Schools NI messaging app will be the first form of communication we use due to the fact it is instant and 'pops up' on mobile phones and we can attach letters to the messages. Important information will also be emailed. If you haven't signed up for the messaging app but would like to please email the school the information on the back of this letter. I have also attached the original letter about the messaging app for your information.

We didn't expect this to happen and we are going to miss our children. Please remember that during this time we are still here for you and will utilise modern technology to enable this.

Take care and best wishes.

Principal



**Consent for personal details to be entered into the School Web Design Private Message System**

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Class:- \_\_\_\_\_

I give consent for my child's personal information as outlined above to be entered into the School Web Design Private Messaging system and stored.



Yes

No

Parent / Carer Name: \_\_\_\_\_