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Dear Parents,

You will be aware that the NI Executive has directed that schools must close for an extended Halloween Break from 19th to 30th October 2020. Due to our current Covid-19 crises in school, we will be closing from 3pm today to allow for an enhanced clean in the building tomorrow. The school will reopen for all children on Monday 2nd November.

Blended Learning

During the first few weeks of our return to school, the teachers took part in staff training to ensure we were competent with our new learning platform, Seesaw, to allow us to effectively deliver blended learning as required. In addition, you, as parents have also supported us in our approach to blended learning by engaging in Seesaw to complete and submit homework with your children.

The Minister of Education, in his letter to all schools yesterday, has directed that as next week is an additional week's holidays for children, we are not allowed to engage your children in our planned blended learning model. (Minister's letter available on school site).

However, if you would like to access any learning materials over the break, you can log-on to the Home Learning section of the school website (password: Roan2020). You can also access Mathletics or Studyladder if you wish. This will be optional for parents as this is technically a holiday period.

Free School Meals

During the week beginning 19th October, direct payments will be made to pupils in receipt of Free School Meals.

Halloween

We ask all parents to email a photograph of their child when they are dressed up for Halloween so that we can share these on our school website and twitter pages. Email all photos to your teacher's email address (available on school website). We will also be holding a family pumpkin competition which we would encourage everyone to take part in. Our Halloween raffle will be postponed and held at a later date (thank you to all who have already handed back their monies and raffle sheet).

Parent-Teacher Meetings

Meetings will be postponed and will now take place in November. Your child's teacher will arrange to have a face-to-face or over-the-phone meeting with you when we return. We hope that all meetings will have taken place by the end of November.

Holiday List

An updated school holiday list has been added to the school website.

It is unfortunate that the decision has been made to close schools again as we strongly believe that it is important for all children to be in school where they can engage with their peers and with learning.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Halloween and thank you all once again for your continued support during these past months.

I look forward to welcoming all children back to school on Monday 2nd November 2020.

Yours sincerely,

S Mone

Principal

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