

BALLYORAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal | Mr R Woolsey, BEd (Hons), PQH



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Dear Parent/Guardian

School Closure due to Covid-19 Pandemic

You will be aware that the Executive yesterday announced that all schools in Northern Ireland will close until at least Half Term in February, because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

This now includes Nursery, which will close today.

All pupils will now move to an extended period of Online Home Learning and you have already been provided with guidance on this. Please see <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/ballyoran-primary-school/UploadedDocument/237b90009fd943be97a3da4f1ce1fa93/parental-guidance-on-home-learning.pdf>

Information on communicating with school and how school will communicate with you, during the closure has also been included in the document above.

School remains open for 'Supervised Learning' for Vulnerable Pupils and the children of Key Workers only and you have already been provided with the definitions for these groupings, Nursery parents can now also register for this and to allow us to plan we would ask you to do this as soon as possible. Parents who have pupils who fall into these categories and wish for them to attend school **must** register in advance by emailing jsloan341@c2kni.net. You will then be contacted to confirm your child's place and when it will begin. Those parents who have registered for this week do not need to register again and these places will continue. A reminder that the Department of Education have been very clear that this is not face to face teaching and these pupils will do the same activities that the pupils will be doing at home. Also given the government's current stay at home message, parents are reminded that this provision should only be considered when all other childcare options have been exhausted.

A reminder also, that with immediate effect, all parents must wear a face covering in the school grounds and parents are also asked to continue to strictly adhere to social distancing guidelines.

I appreciate that given the increasing levels of transmission of the virus, there is much anxiety in our community and I wish to thank you for your continued patience, support and cooperation as we work through these very challenging times.

I wish you and your family well for the coming weeks and hope that you stay safe.

Yours faithfully

Richard Woolsey
Principal