

BALLYORAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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



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Dear Parent/Guardian

Parent Update

I hope that you and your family are well in these challenging days. The purpose of this letter is to update you as follows:

School Closure Extended

As you will already be aware, the Executive have decided that schools in Northern Ireland will not reopen after Half Term and that the earliest possible reopening date will be Monday 8th March. Depending on the health situation, this may change again and we will update you on this in the coming weeks, when we receive more information.

Safer Internet Day

This will take place on **Tuesday 9th February** and all online learning activities that day will follow the online safety theme. Please assist us by ensuring that you keep going over these important internet safety messages regularly at home.

Digital Detox Day

This will be **Friday 12th February** when we will be encouraging all of our pupils to switch off their electronic devices and take a break from these. No formal work will be set on Google Classroom on this day and we are asking pupils not to log on but instead do something different. Every teacher will provide pupils with a list of alternative activities to do on that day.

Virtual Class Meet Ups

We believe that it is important for our pupils to get to see their class mates during this period of school closure and so all primary classes will have a Virtual Class Meet Up hosted by the teacher, in the next few weeks. Pupils should watch out for the link on their Google Classroom and we would encourage you to ensure that your child joins this if at all possible.

Parent Survey

Thank you to the parents who have completed the survey already. This will close tomorrow so if you haven't managed to complete it, you still have time. The link to the survey is on the text that you received last week.

Half Term Holiday

School will be completely closed from **Monday 15th to Friday 19th February** for the half term holiday as planned and there will be no Online Learning set this week as pupils, staff and parents need a break. Online Learning will begin again on **Monday 22nd February**.

Thank you again for your support, patience and co-operation as we try to ensure that the mental health and well being and educational needs of all of our pupils are met during this period of school closure.

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

Yours faithfully
Richard Woolsey
Principal