

BALLYORAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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



6th October 2020

To All Parents

Update on Covid-19

In my letter to you on Saturday, I said that I would keep you informed and that is what I am aiming to do in this communication:

1. Affected Area

We have strictly followed PHA advice in relation to the affected area. The dinnerhall was closed for the recommended time and an enhanced clean was carried out yesterday. It is now open for normal use. The kitchen remains closed.

2. School Meals

The Education Authority are unable to replace the kitchen staff so the kitchen will remain closed while the staff are self-isolating. It will reopen to cook meals on Friday 16th October, if the staff remain symptom free.

3. Parent/Teacher Meetings

It is with a heavy heart that I have made the decision to cancel the face to face Parent/Teacher Meetings at this time. I believe that given the anxiety in the school community as a result of the weekend's developments and the increasing levels of transmission of the virus in the community, that this is the wisest course of action and I hope that you will understand. School will still be closed on **Monday 19th October** and Parent/Teacher Meetings will go ahead using the telephone. Times will be sent home for these later this week and I would really encourage you to take the time to speak to your child's teacher.

I wish to place on record my thanks to all the staff who have gone the extra mile to ensure that school was able to operate on Monday and who are working tirelessly on a daily basis to ensure that your children are safe and educated.

I want to reiterate that the health, safety and wellbeing of your children and my staff, remains my highest priority and reassure you that we are doing all that we can as a school to reduce the risk and keep everyone safe.

Thank you for your continued support, patience and co-operation during these challenging days.

Yours sincerely

Richard Woolsey
Principal