



14 October 2020

Good afternoon

Earlier today I received a letter from the Education Minister directing schools to close from 19th to 30th October.

As a result I am writing to inform you that **pupils should not come into School during this period**, returning as planned on Monday 2nd November. Should the NI Assembly choose to extend closures further you will be informed.

The Minister's letter makes it clear that no remote learning will take place between 19th and 30th October so pupils are asked to spend the week beginning 19th October finishing set homeworks and revising for the forthcoming internal examinations which are due to take place towards the end of November. The second week of closure (26th to 30th October) will be our half-term holiday as planned.

I commend your daughter for the determined and courageous way in which she has endured the exceptionally challenging circumstances that have faced us all since September. Covid-19 continues to disrupt all aspects of life, but despite this, your daughter must not allow it to prevent her from continuing with her education. We as a school will do all we can to ensure that she progresses in her learning. Doggedness and determination are essential qualities in these difficult days and I have seen them in abundance over the past few weeks, in both staff and pupils. I am proud of them all.

Thank you for your continued support.

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