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Dear Parents/Guardians

I hope you and your families are keeping well during these strange and difficult times. At this point schools have been closed for over a week and it would appear they will remain closed for an indefinite amount of time into the future. This is truly unprecedented for us all, we are all unsure and worried.

We as a school are now considering how best to facilitate some educational activities for our pupils. The intention is to keep pupils occupied, engaged and in the habit of completing educational activities on a daily basis for the duration of the closure. Educational activities however are not limited by schoolbooks and written tasks but include the skills we all use in daily life such as cooking, exercising, talking with others and educational games/videos.

Our children are just as worried and anxious as many of us at this time, therefore I hope any schoolwork assigned will only form part of a day which provides them with a range of other educational and fun activities were possible. It is not possible to recreate the teaching and learning environment of a classroom at home and there is no expectation that this should be done. There is a lot of pressure on social media in relation to this so we must be discerning about this and not let it add to the stress we already feel.

In the midst of all the uncertainty I wanted to try and give some direction in relation to schoolwork as we move forward. All pupils were marked work for a two-week period up to Friday March 27th on the day the school closed. Following this if the school is closed for another week, I ask that pupils complete the work assigned if not already done and for each day choose at least one educational activity as part of a daily routine. A list of websites/resources and suggestions for your use will be made available on the school website and circulated on the school twitter account (**@myshallns1**). This third week of closure (*if we remain so*) will bring us to April 3rd which marks the beginning of the Easter holiday period. Towards the end of that two-week period I will be in contact again with further plans if schools are to remain closed. We will plan on week by week basis at this point.

Please remember that all that matters at this time is the health and wellbeing of all our pupils and their families. We are all in this together.

Best wishes and stay safe,

Hazel Mc Wey