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Dear Parents,

I am sure you are fully aware of the announcement yesterday afternoon from NI Education Minister, Mr Peter Weir, informing us that schools will officially close from Monday 23rd March until further notice. We will keep you updated via 'Windmillips App' and school website, www.windmillips.com

Staff have been working diligently preparing work packs and online activities for your child to last till the end of the summer term. I am sure you can appreciate that this is such a mammoth task.

The learning packs and letters from class teachers containing your child's log in details are to be picked up from the school assembly hall anytime from **12 noon to 3pm on Friday 20th March**. If you are working or self-isolating, please send a family member or friend to pick up the pack. Please use this opportunity to return any school trophies that your child received at Prizegiving in June 2019.

If your child has left an inhaler or epi-pen in school these may also be collected tomorrow (Friday 20th March) from 12noon to 3pm.

All your child's belongings can also be collected at this time.

There will be information with your pack to explain what home learning will look like. The activities will enable your child to keep the momentum of learning going. Activities will involve revision of work undertaken to date, work that is currently being undertaken as well as new learning.

When covering new areas of learning staff will give instructions/advice in the form of notes, examples, video demonstrations as well as recommending links to relevant websites.

Should you have any queries regarding your child's learning, please contact the school via email: info@windmillintegrated.dungannon.ni.sch.uk.

The annual Primary 7 residential to Shannaghmore has been cancelled and all parents will receive a refund in due course.

As all after school activities are cancelled, any Primary 7 pupils affected by this will receive a refund in due course. All other pupils will have their payments brought forward to the next academic year.

We would greatly appreciate if all outstanding dinner money could be paid in full using the late payment option on the Windmillips App.

School will only be issuing refunds for school meals to Primary 7 pupils at the end of June. Any other credits will be carried forward.

If Windmill doesn't reopen before the end of this school year, we will hold our Annual Leavers' Assembly in September 2020.

I thank you for your continued understanding, patience and messages of support. This is a very challenging time for us all, a time for everyone to work together and support each other.

On behalf of all the staff, may I take this opportunity to wish you and your families health and safety in these challenging times, we will get through this together.

Yours sincerely

Sandra Ferguson
Principal