12th February 2021,

## Dear Parents

## **Mid-Term Break**

## As stated in previous communications, the school will be closed next week from Monday 15th to Friday 19th February. There will be no remote learning available on these dates. Remote learning will recommence on Monday 22nd February.

## **Re-opening of School**

## As it stands, the school will reopen for all children on Monday 8th March. There is speculation in the media about possible changes to this date or a phased return of some kind. The Minister is due to confirm when schools will reopen next week and I will notify you of any changes as and when necessary.

## **Remote Learning / Supervised Learning**

## As we approach the mid-term break, I would like to thank you for continuing to support your children and our teachers with carrying-out remote learning via our ClassDojo platform throughout these difficult times.

## **Parent Survey**

## Thank you to everyone who completed our parent survey. At all times we want open lines of communication and to engage with parents to do the best for the children in our school.

## We are glad that the work which teachers are providing offers flexibility to parents and is of benefit to the children, the zoom lessons have been a welcomed addition to our remote learning and the teachers also look forward to seeing and speaking with the children every Friday.

## Anyone who had made specific requests about the availability of devices and Wi-Fi have been contacted and these issues have been resolved.

* Some people are having issues with uploading work onto ClassDojo, I will resend the step by step process to the School Feed on ClassDojo. This should help, if not, please get in touch with your child’s class teacher.

## Some people had requested that if there was a possibility for more zoom lessons, they would welcome them. In response to that request I am afraid that at this time we cannot facilitate this. (this may change in the future) Everyone’s circumstances are different, in some homes parents are working from home and they may also need to use ICT devices for the purpose of work. Older siblings who attend a different school may also require ICT devices at certain times. Scheduling more zoom lessons will mean that devices will need in use/be free at very specific times. We do not wish to add any more pressure or stress to parents who may find it difficult to share devices due to work commitments and the commitments of other children in their house.

I want to thank everyone for their continued support and I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe break over mid-term.

Stay Safe and Best Wishes.

Kieran McCrory