



ORCHARD COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL
To Treasure Our Past and Invest in Our Future

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Dear Parents

I'm sure you have heard the breaking news that all schools in Northern Ireland will close for pupils immediately and to staff from Monday.

The staff have worked numerous days, after school preparing for your children. They have prepared packs for the children and anyone who has not received this can collect it from school on **Friday morning between 9am and 12noon**. The staff will be making regular contact with their pupils through Google Classroom and the Home Learning tab (under pupils' area) on our school website. Each teacher will also provide you with their school email address through their Google Classroom page so that parents can contact them if they have any questions. We have tried to prepare the pupils for remote learning and we are really pleased with how they have adapted to this. This is new for us all but please be assured the staff are doing all they can at this difficult time for the benefit of our children. If you have a query or a question please contact the class teacher through Google Classroom, email or telephone school, the staff are here to help.

We are asking that any pupils who have been absent recently return all their accelerated reading books, guided reading books and class library books. These could be dropped off at school on Friday morning. Any library service books should be returned to your local library directly and please continue to make use of this very valuable service. The children will be directed by their teacher, through Google Classroom with regard to their reading.

Could I also ask that we refrain from discussing school issues on social media. This is not helpful and sometimes parents get information about school that is untrue. Please contact school if you have a question and we will do all we can to help.

Please take care of your precious families. I am speaking on behalf of all the Orchard County staff when I say we will genuinely miss the daily contact with our pupils and can't believe the situation we are all facing.

Yours faithfully

J McMillan

Principal

