



*Education Authority - North Eastern Region*

## **Larne & Inver Primary School**

*'a bridge to the future'*

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To all Parents and Carers

You will be aware that there is now much frustration and anger within the education sector due to the complete lack of clear vision shown by the EA, DENI and local government. It is obvious that schools have been requested to stay open but no one knows for how long or how such closures should be managed.

It is my role, as Principal, working alongside the Board of Governors, to ensure the safety and well-being of all staff and children. It is important that we follow the rules but also important to balance the education of our children with their health and well-being, alongside that of their parents and carers.

The staff of our school have been working very hard and are creating work for all pupils, in preparation for the inevitable closure. As like every school, we have a variety of children with differing needs and interests and it is complicated to develop work that each individual can complete to continue learning from home. Nevertheless, the work that we will send home will be differentiated for all children.

As a result of the lack of agreed leadership from local government, I have consulted with the Board of Governors and decided that we should **close school at 12 noon for the rest of the week**. This will enable all children to continue their learning and also receive some work for home, alongside the work that will be sent electronically. I apologise that this is late notice but it is almost impossible to know what is right in order to please everyone. Consequently, I will put the well-being of the staff and children as the top priority.

I understand that there may be refunds due for Hometime Heroes and school trips etc and this will be addressed in due course.

Tomorrow, I will send home your parent login details for our new Remote Learning platform. If your child is currently off school, please call or send someone to receive these as this will be important should school close for many weeks.

I will keep you updated as I hopefully continue to receive information from various sources and, hopefully soon, the EA, DENI or our politicians will provide some agreed and specific direction! Many thanks for your patience and understanding.

Regards,

Kirk Patterson  
(Principal)