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Dear Parents,

Regrettably once again we find ourselves embarking on another period of lockdown. As a school principal and a parent myself I recognise that this is not ideal for anyone. However, having monitored media reports closely over the last few days, it appears that this is something which is necessary at this time. As you are aware, Mr. Weir's plans for school closure have changed dramatically in recent weeks, days and even last night with the short-notice closure of our Nursery Unit.

I would like to reassure you that despite the ambiguity involved, your child's well-being and educational progression remains our top priority. Initially, we had outlined that work would be only be provided for Thursday and Friday (7th & 8th January 2021) via our digital platforms. However now in the knowledge that schools will be closed for five weeks we have had to re-think our plans. We have decided to compile 'Home Packs' to work in tandem with both SEESAW and Google Classroom. As a father of three children, I'm acutely aware how difficult it can be for all children in one household to effectively access learning online. I'm aware that there can be issues with access to devices; effective WIFI and printing of resources. Consequently, we feel that it would make things easier for parents and children to have hard copies of their work. This work will co-exist alongside the online work. SEESAW/Google Classroom will continue to work as normal in the background ensuring optimum communication and direction between home and school.

These packs will be ready for collection on Monday 11th January 2021. You will be informed via SEESAW/school website of a time and location to collect your child's work pack. We appreciate your co-operation; patience and understanding in these extraordinary times. It is important that the home and school remain connected and engaged in partnership right the way through this period. A parent during lockdown 1 told me that we are all weathering the same storm but in very different boats...be kind...be considerate...empathise.

We wish you and your family well in 2021 and very much look forward to seeing the boys and girls in February 2021.

Thank You for your continued support,
Mr K O'Neill

