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Dear Parent,

In order to protect and safeguard our whole community the Board of Governors has decided to move forward School Development Days to Wednesday 18th, Thursday 19th and Friday 20th March, in order to prepare for school closures, which are expected in the future. Therefore, St Brigid's will be closed for all pupils and they should not return to school for the remainder of **this week**.

We understand that this may present some of you with significant challenges regarding the care of your children whilst you work, but hope that you can appreciate that we do not wish to compromise the health and wellbeing of anyone in our community at this time.

We will continue to update you of any developments as soon as we get them from the Minister Mr Weir and his Department of Education. In the meantime, it is essential that you continue to follow the Public Health Agency guidelines; and **it is crucial that pupils do not meet up or mix socially in groups.**

Staff are considering the use of online learning – 'Google Classroom' or 'Microsoft Teams' or the 'C2K My School'; however, although most of your children are competent in ICT, they would need internet access at home and the use of an electronic device. If you do **NOT** have home internet connectivity please telephone the school office between 09.15 and 11.00 tomorrow on either the telephone line 02879642014 or fax line 02879645658. Our school website provider is also developing an online portal which may be used to provide learning resources for our families.

These are testing times for all of us and unfortunately, we do not know what the future will bring. Our school motto is 'Together in Learning' although we may soon be learning miles apart; but I do hope that our Lavey spirit will prevail and that we will be gentle, kind and care for each other.

Sincere regards,

Mary O'Kane

Yours faithfully,

Mary O Kane
Principal