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Dear Parent / Guardian,

Extended Half Term Break

By now I am sure, through TV, radio or social media, you are aware that schools have been instructed to finish this Friday, 16th October for an extended Half Term holiday by the Department of Education. I can only apologize for the inconvenience that this late announcement may cause working parents at this time. It is planned that school will reopen to all pupils on Monday 2nd November.

The Department of Education have designated this as an extension to our half term holiday as distinct to learning moving home as happened last March. Some of this time off has to be taken from our school holiday allocation with the department allocating additional 'Exceptional Closure' days to cover the closure. I therefore have to make another change to our annual holiday list. (An updated holiday list will be posted on the school website as soon as it has been confirmed with DENI).

While most KS1 & KS2 classes have already got reading and spelling lists home for next week which teachers would welcome your continued help with, please note, as directed by DENI, work will not be posted on the school Website or Seesaw for the children during the two weeks of this half term holiday.

Free School Meals

During the week beginning 19 October direct payments will be made to pupils in receipt of Free School Meals.

School App & Messaging

Many parents have signed up for our school App. Using the App, letters like this one, go directly to your phone or email account. While it is appreciated that not everyone uses email, it is proving a quick and efficient means of getting information to parents and we would encourage as many parents as possible to make use of it, especially at this time. You are welcome to email: imckane521@c2kni.net including your mobile telephone number and child's name to be included in future emails.

Foundation Stage Macmillan Collection

Sincere thanks to everyone who so generously donated to the Macmillan Coffee Morning. Please check the P1 & P2 class pages on the school website for a flavor of the experiences enjoyed by the pupils both preparing for the event and at home in aid of this very worthwhile charity. P2 have also added a little video to say thank you. The amazing amount of £908 has been sent to the charity. We appreciate the work put in by our P1 & P2 staff, particularly Mrs. Moore's who coordinated the event.

Continued Vigilance Please

Please continue to keep up your guard and stay safe during half term. We really want everyone back in school to learn together after this two week break. We continue to remind children to remain in their class bubble and regular handwashing while in school.

Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell and especially if they have any Covid 19 symptoms:

- *A high temperature or*
- *New, continuous cough or*
- *Loss or change in sense of taste or smell.*

The PHA & EA's latest guidance poster which includes testing information has been posted on the school website at: <https://www.windsorhillps.co.uk/newsletters-and-letters-for-parents/>

Please feel free to contact school for any further clarification.

Yours faithfully,

Miss I McKane
Principal