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Dear Parent/Guardian

By now many of you will have seen the news reporting that schools across Northern Ireland will be closing by the end of this week.

To help your child to continue with their learning teachers have provided a folder of work with materials and ideas on how to stimulate their thinking during their time at home. The teachers will keep in touch with parents through the seesaw app and the HOME CONNECT section on our school website (Password: Woods20). Please ensure that you are connected to the seesaw app (See teacher invite in your pack) and that you visit the website regularly to ensure that your child is keeping on top of the activities planned for them.

These folders will be sent home in your child's school bag today, Thursday 19 March. However, if your child is not in school on Thursday 19 March then we would ask that one representative from your family collect the pack of work between 2 and 4pm on Thursday 19 March from the school hall.

We recommend that you try to establish a routine with your family and for P4-7 children aim to complete 45-60 minutes of literacy and numeracy each day alongside extra reading and creative activities. We would also recommend at least one hour outside when possible or indoor exercise to help keep children alert and healthy.

Please note that all AR books and school textbooks sent home have been recorded by teachers and are expected to be returned in the condition that they were loaned to parents. If any books/textbooks are not returned to school after the closure period, we will have to charge parents the replacement cost.

## Friday 20 March

In light of the anticipated length of closure school will close to pupils from today, Thursday 19 March at 3pm. This will allow teaching staff a day in school on Friday 20 March to prepare for children's learning during the closure period.

We will remain in contact with our school community as and when we receive further information.

Please know that all pupils and their families will be in our thoughts throughout the closure.

Thank you for your support throughout the year.

Best Wishes,

Karen White Principal WOODS PS