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### Extended Mid-term Break

Dear Parents,

As you are all, probably aware, today, the Executive has announced that schools and other education settings will have the half-term holiday break extended from 19<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> October. Education settings will be closed to all pupils during these two weeks including, vulnerable children and children of key workers. Schools and other settings are due to reopen on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, although this will be kept under review. During the week, beginning, 19<sup>th</sup> October direct payments will be made to pupils in receipt of Free School Meals.

Although this is an extended holiday for the pupils, staff are keen for children to continue their well-established learning routines from the return to school in August. With this in mind, the children will have extra reading books & Accelerated Reader books for the midterm break. Please ensure your child continues to read regularly. Pupils would also benefit from practical literacy and numeracy activities over the extended holiday to consolidate the concepts already taught this term.

We ask that all parents/pupils familiarise themselves with our online learning forum: Google Classroom, in case of further closures or the need for class bubbles to isolate.

All information will primarily be through the school text messaging service, Facebook page and website. At any stage I can be contacted by email: [mmartin582@c2kni.net](mailto:mmartin582@c2kni.net).

By following the guidance, hopefully we can protect our pupils, colleagues, parents and the wider community of St. Mary's.

Thank you for your ongoing support; it's greatly appreciated. Again we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Yours sincerely,

*Martina Martin*

Mrs Martina Martin

Principal

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