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Dear Parents,

Given the current situation and in light of conflicting guidance on the potential impact of Coronavirus within the school environment, having consulted with Governors I have decided to bring forward two staff development days which were due to happen in May. This will allow staff to begin preparations for whole school closure-something which looks increasingly inevitable by the day.

The health, wellbeing and educational provision of the pupils of St Brigid's is paramount and therefore this decision has not been taken lightly.

- This means pupils do not return to school on **Thursday 18th March or Friday 19th March**
- Staff will use these two days to discuss and devise contingency plans in the event of long term closure
- We will continue to take advice from both the Department of Education and the Education Authority in relation to long term closure and will notify parents accordingly.

Can I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and I apologise for any inconvenience these arrangements may cause, however these are very much unprecedented times.

Yours sincerely,

Lawrence O'Kane.

Principal

