



## **MAGHERA PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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Dear Parents,

Today I received communication from the Department of Education regarding remote learning.

The Education Minister Peter Weir MLA has announced that in light of the current crisis in public health, the Northern Ireland Executive has agreed that schools will continue to provide remote learning until at least 5 March. This will extend the previously announced reopening date by two weeks after the February half-term break.

Mr Weir has acknowledged that no matter how good the quality of remote learning being provided, it is no substitute for face to face teaching and learning. The aim is to resume face to face teaching in early March, depending on public health and scientific advice.

For children entitled to free school meals, payments will continue to apply for any child entitled to free school meals who is learning remotely and cannot attend school as a result of the current restrictions.

As always we are here to help you support your child. The school email will be checked frequently should you require assistance with remote learning. In the meantime, we hope that you and your families will stay safe and well.

Kind regards

L Mawhinney  
Principal