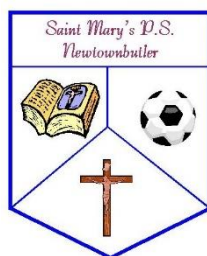


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Extended Mid-Term Closure

Dear Parents,

Today, the Executive has announced that schools and other education settings will have the half-term holiday break extended from 19 to 30 October. St Mary's, like all education settings will be closed to all pupils during these two weeks.

The Minister of Education has advised that:

- Schools and other settings will reopen on Monday, 2 November.
- As this is an extension of the half-term break, it is not intended to be used for remote learning.
- During the week beginning 19 October direct payments will be made to pupils in receipt of Free School Meals.

While teachers will not issue formal remote learning at this time, pupils in St Mary's may still choose to access the various online licences which are available to them.

The decision to extend the mid-term break is a small part of a much wider package of societal response, and I hope that the measures put in place to ensure social distancing will be respected by all, so that we can return to a more normal lifestyle in the near future.

Take care and God bless,

Mrs P Kelly
Principal