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Dear Parent

These past few months have certainly been very challenging times for all schools – and for parents! Your patience and understanding have been very much appreciated. Thank you.

On Wednesday, the Northern Ireland Executive announced that all schools will close today for an extended half-term holiday, and re-open on Monday 2nd November.

While the message from the Education Minister is that this is to be a two-week holiday, teachers at St Colman's will be providing some work for pupils to complete over the next week.

For those pupils studying for GCSE/Level 2 and A Level/Level 3 qualifications, it is hugely important that they continue with the good work they have already started this term. Where appropriate, work for subjects will either be provided online through Google Classroom or will have been provided directly to pupils in class this week.

For Junior classes who have expressed an interest in carrying on with their studies, some work will be provided too; also either via Google Classroom or directly to pupils this week.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend your children on the excellent start they have made to this academic year, both in terms of their commitment to their studies and in the way that they have safely conducted themselves in school.

I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable half-term and we all look forward to welcoming pupils back on their return.

Please note there is a change to our original school calendar; we will now not be taking our two planned School Development Days after half term and **pupils will return to school for normal lessons on Monday 2nd November.**

We also need you to continue to inform us of any relevant Covid-19 information (in particular should any of our pupils receive a positive Covid test result), and you can do this by contacting our Covid Response Officer, Ms McKeown via email ([info@stcolmanshs.org](mailto:info@stcolmanshs.org))

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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