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Dear Year 8-12 Parent/Guardian

## Re: Emergency School Closure - Storm Éowyn

You will probably be aware from media reports **that all schools in Northern Ireland are required to close tomorrow (Friday 24 January 2025) due to adverse weather conditions.** This news is really irrelevant to us as we were already closed to pupils due to Year 9-11 (Surname M-Z) Online Parent-Teacher Meetings, however the purpose of this letter is to provide a few important updates, as follows:

- **Year 9-11 (Surname M-Z) Parent-Teacher Meetings** – these will proceed as scheduled for tomorrow, however they will be subject to both parents/guardians and teaching staff having electricity and/or internet connection. It is noted that teachers will conduct these meetings from their own home and some of them will now have their own children to care for as their respective schools are also closed.
- **Remote Learning** – The Education Authority has recommended “*Schools should put plans in place today for remote learning so that pupils can study at home*”. However, this is not possible for our staff as they will be involved in Parent-Teacher Meetings. All pupils should therefore use their time tomorrow productively to catch up on any missed work and/or to recap over any recent learning materials.
- **Open Evening** – this event will proceed tonight as arranged, starting at 7.30pm.

Finally, I will be working from home tomorrow (as per EA requirements) and can be contacted via email ([nmegaw549@c2kni.net](mailto:nmegaw549@c2kni.net)), subject to having electricity and internet connection.

Yours faithfully

*Neil Megaw*

Principal