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Dear Parent/Guardian

Safeguarding Team

Designated Teacher:

Mrs Laverty

Deputy Designated Teacher:

Mr Cousins (Vice Principal)

Principal: Mr Megaw

Designated Governor for Child

Protection: Rev Graham

Chairperson of the Board of

Governors: Mr Bingham

School Counsellor:

Mrs Leona Gallagher

First Aid



Our defibrillator is located in the main school foyer.

First Aiders: Mrs Alexander, Miss Anderson, Mrs Boyle, Mrs Johnston & Mr Reid

Please see below 2 important updates since I issued correspondence last week:

Non-Uniform Day

I have agreed to a request to host a **Non-Uniform Day on Wednesday** (our last day of Spring term). Pupils are asked to donate £1 for the opportunity of wearing no school uniform with all funds raised going towards The Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust.

It is noted that pupils in Years 11 & 12 are timetabled for PE on our Non-Uniform Day. Therefore, they should either wear suitable clothing for PE (with trainers) or bring PE kit which they can change into. Pupils who do not have the correct PE clothing cannot participate and will instead use this time productively to complete other work.



Important Transport Info for Drumhillery/Keady Pupils

The Education Authority (EA) has been notified by Translink that their bus drivers who are members of the Unite and GMB trade unions have voted to take industrial action in relation to a pay offer from Translink.

Translink are continuing to engage with Trade Unions to avert the action, however, if it does proceed it would result in all Translink bus services being withdrawn from Monday 25 April to Sunday 1 May and Friday 6 May (one day).

Pupils who use any Translink bus service for any element of their journey are likely to be impacted and parents should make other transport arrangements for these dates.

This includes pupils who connect with Translink buses using an EA yellow bus. As EA cannot guarantee pupils could complete their journey to and from school, even if the EA yellow bus is running, parents should make alternative arrangements for the whole of their child's journey.

Parents should follow Translink's social media channels and website over the coming weeks and start to plan now for their alternative transport arrangements. Translink train services will not be affected by the industrial action.

I also encourage parents to check the EA website for regular updates and details of any planned disruption at: www.eani.org.uk/industrialactionupdates and also EA social media channels.

Yours faithfully

Neil Megaw

Principal