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School Closure Dates & Information on the TransformED Initiative

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Minister for Education has recently announced **two additional school closure dates** for this academic year as part of the **TransformED** initiative. These days are being introduced nationwide to give school staff dedicated time for high-quality professional development, helping to support better learning outcomes for all pupils. Our school will be closed on:

- **Wednesday 18th March 2026**
- **Monday 13th April 2026**

On these days, **no pupils should attend school**, and normal classes will resume on the following school day.

TransformED is a major education reform programme designed to improve teaching, learning, assessment, and overall school quality across Northern Ireland. These additional closure dates allow teachers to participate in the professional development required to implement TransformED effectively. By investing this time in staff training, the initiative aims to:

- Improve teaching quality
- Strengthen learning experiences
- Support consistent, high-quality practice across all schools
- Ensure pupils benefit from the most up-to-date educational approaches

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we work together to support these important improvements. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Principal St Patrick's Mullinahoe

Together We Pray, We Play, We Learn, We Grow.