



Wednesday 14th October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your support and cooperation throughout this half-term. I am very proud of how our students and staff have remained positive and responded with great resilience in these challenging times.

It has been confirmed by the Northern Ireland Executive today that the half-term break for all schools will be extended by one additional week. This means that Breda Academy's half-term will be Monday 19th to Friday 30th October (inclusive) with the school reopening on Monday 2nd November. The planned Staff Development Day on Monday 2nd November is now postponed and will be a normal school day for all students.

The Department for Education (DENI) has confirmed today that during this extended half-term break, ***'Schools are closed to all students and as this is an extension of the half-term break, it is not intended to be used for remote learning.'*** Therefore, during this time work will not be set on Google Classrooms for students.

DENI has also confirmed that during the week beginning 19th October direct payments will be made to the families of students who are in receipt of Free School Meals.

I look forward to seeing all our students back on Monday 2nd November. I will contact you again if circumstances regarding the above information were to change.

Yours sincerely,

Mr P Perry - Acting Principal