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## ROAD CLOSURE

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The A2 road closure next week may impact significantly on staff and pupils' journey to Killowen PS.

Local access will be at the discretion of the contractor and we have been advised to follow the official diversion, which may add between 40 – 60 minutes onto the school commute. We contacted the DfI directly and I have spoken with John Mc Veigh from Roads Division who cannot guarantee passage for our staff and pupils. Presently, the only vehicles with guaranteed passage are the Emergency services and Ulsterbus.

However, the contractor has said that he will try to be accommodating but that the safety of his workforce will take precedence.

The work begins on Monday at the entrance to Kilbroney Park and spreads out after that. There is no doubt that when it reaches the Killowen Rd past Campbell's garage, there will definitely be restricted access and we have been told that only local residents will gain admittance.

If it becomes untenable for a significant number of our staff and pupils to reach school, we will have no alternative other than to switch to Remote Learning for the number of days required. As far as staffing is concerned, the E.A. has stipulated that once 25% of school staff are prevented from attending within their contractual hours then we must close as a matter of Health & Safety.

You will be notified of this as soon as possible, but it would be practical to have a contingency plan in place for your children next week.

We hope for as little disruption as possible and will remain operational as long as it is safe to do so.

I would just remind you that the following week is the mid-term break.

Thank you for your understanding,

Orla Murphy  
Acting Principal