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Dear Year 8-12 Parent/Guardian

Re: Early Closure at 12.30pm on Thursday 14th March 2024

This Thursday (14th March) is going to be a very busy day at Newtownhamilton High with the following events scheduled to take place:

- 11V & 12V @ Normal SRC Lessons in Newry (9.00am-3.00pm)
- SEN Parent Review Meetings (9.00am-3.00pm)
- Year 8 Shared Education in Newtownhamilton with 90 visiting pupils (9.30am-12.20pm)
- Year 11 Art Trip to Hillsborough (9.30am-3.00pm)
- Vice Principal Meeting in Newry (12.00pm-3.00pm)
- Under 14 Girls' Hockey Final at Stormont with supporter buses (12.00pm-5.00pm)

In attempting to plan for the above events, I have concluded that I cannot provide sufficient staff cover during the afternoon. Therefore, following a discussion with the Chairperson of the Board of Governors, **I have made a decision that teaching and learning will finish for pupils at 12.30pm with the exception of SRC pupils (11V & 12V).** Unfortunately, there will be no school buses available at 12.30pm so parents/guardians will be responsible for home transport. It is noted that buses will be available for SRC pupils and Year 11 Art Trip pupils at 3.00pm.

The above information is best summarised in the table below:

Arrangements for Thursday 14th March 2024	
8.50am	Normal Registration
9.00am	11V & 12V Pupils depart for SRC SEN Parent Review Meetings start in Room 2
9.30am	Year 8 Shared Education event starts Year 11 Art Trip to Hillsborough depart
11.05am	Under 14 Hockey Team depart for Belfast
12.00pm	Hockey Supporters depart for Belfast (including Year 8 Shared Education pupils)
12.20pm	Year 8 Shared Education event finishes & visiting pupils depart
12.30pm	End of Teaching & Learning (no school buses available)
1.30pm	Hockey Final Pass Back
3.00pm	SRC pupils return for school buses Year 11 Art Trip pupils return for school buses SEN Parent Review Meetings end
5.00pm	Hockey Team & Supporters return to school

Finally, I accept that the above arrangements may result in some disruption to family life and therefore I apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Yours faithfully

Neil Megaw (Principal)