



## Orritor Primary School and Nursery Unit

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Dear Parent/Guardian, please find below some important updates to our school calendar for Term 2 and Term 3.

The first change to our scheduled holidays is the addition of a **Staff Development Day on Monday 13th April**. The school will be closed on this date to allow staff to participate in essential training. This date will follow the Easter holidays.

The Department of Education has also issued all schools with two additional Staff Training Days in preparation for the upcoming *TransformEd* rollout. In order to keep these days as close as possible to existing school breaks – and to minimise disruption for families – we will be taking the first of these days on **Friday 13th March**, and the second on **Friday 24th April**, which coincides with the Cookstown 100 motorbike race.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we work to implement these required training days. By aligning them with current holiday periods, we have aimed to provide families with good notice and to reduce the impact on your routines.

All schools in Northern Ireland have been allocated these additional days, and it is at each school's discretion how they are used. These dates will be amended on the school calendar for your reference.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Cheevers.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Cheevers

(Principal of Orritor Primary School and Nursery Unit)