

DROMARA PRIMARY SCHOOL

19 March 2020

Dear Parent,

RE: Collection of Pupil Packs

Thank you once again for your support during this difficult time. Obviously, with the announcement yesterday afternoon, regarding full scale closure of all schools in Northern Ireland, we are now in the position of not knowing how long this is going to last. The teachers have put together pupil packs for each child and these will be available for collection from the school on Friday 20th March.

We have drawn up a plan to allow safe collection of the packs to minimise contact between individuals. Please follow the guidance below:

- To reduce the numbers coming to the school, perhaps some parents could agree to collect for others (if children do accompany you, we would suggest that they wait outside or in the corridor);
- Packs will be set up in the school hall in class groups (there may be other items such as PE Kits with your child's pack which should be taken home too);
- Please enter the school via the sports hall entrance, round past pre-school;
- Please use the hand sanitiser that will be available upon entry;
- Unfortunately, teachers will be unavailable to meet with parents.

On Friday 20th we would ask that parents come at the following times, if possible. We appreciate that this may not be practical for everyone, due to work etc, but we are trying to space people out as much as possible.

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| • Y7 + siblings: | 9.30 – 10.00 | Y6 + siblings: | 10.00 – 10.30 |
| • Y5 + siblings: | 10.30 – 11.00 | Y4 + siblings: | 11.00 – 11.30 |
| • Y3 + siblings: | 11.30 – 12.00 | Y2 + siblings: | 12.00 – 12.30 |
| • Y1 + siblings: | 12.30 – 1.00 | | |

There should be approximately 2 weeks of work for the children, although I'm sure that you will appreciate that this can be very difficult to gauge. There will be a range of activities for them to complete and we would suggest that good routines are established with children so that they get the most benefit from the work. We would also recommend that pupils are given opportunities for creative work e.g. plenty of exercise, art and craft activities and structured role-play activities for the younger ones. There are suggestions for online activities supplied and we would encourage you to register for Libraries NI so that children will be able to access books through that portal. Library numbers are attached to the packs. Mr Bovis has supplied information regarding Purple Mash online software, which we use in school, so that pupils will be able to access the work and activities that are available there.

Greenhill Y7 Residential and Leavers' Hoodies

It is expected that the Greenhill Trip will be cancelled and therefore we will be refunding payments. This may take a little time and we will keep you informed. Leavers' Hoodies have been ordered and were due to be delivered quite soon. Once they arrive we will make arrangements for the children to receive them.

Morning and Afternoon Clubs

Some parents had prepaid for places. These payments will be carried forward. Refunds will be issued in the event that they are not used, but this is something that can only be finalised upon reopening of the school.