



Dromara Primary School



17th March 2021

Thank you for your continued support during this uncertain time. We especially appreciate Key Worker parents, who have been very helpful in not sending children when it wasn't required.

Please note this information follows the recent announcement from the Department of Education.

Face-to Face Teaching and Easter Holidays Arrangements

As you know, the Minister of Education has announced that face-to-face teaching resumes for all pupils on **Monday 22nd March 2021**. School finishes early on Friday 26th March for the Easter break. No school meals on 26th March.

Arrangements:

- All pupils return to school on Monday 22nd March. Please bring completed work from the last HL pack.
- School meals will be available and should be ordered for w/c 22nd March on **Monday** morning. If applicable, money should be sent in a clearly labelled envelope on Monday with your child's name, class, days and amount. This will help limit movement between classes and handling of cash in school.
- P3-7 pupils may return to using school bags.
- 29th March – 9th April – school is closed for the Easter holidays.
- Monday 12th April - School reopens for all pupils.
- 26th March – school finishes at 12.15/12.25 pm (12.15 pm – Y1-3 and older siblings).



We look forward to welcoming all our pupils back on 22nd March. Unfortunately, Morning and Afternoon Clubs, as well as other activities, remain suspended.

As you know, plans may need to be changed at short notice, dependent on further information from DENI.

Please keep an eye on our website and app for updates.

To date, we have been fortunate that there have been no cases of COVID-19 inside the school, necessitating closure or isolation of classes. We really want to keep it that way and so we are relying very much on parents' support. Please adhere to the following guidelines to keep all in our school community safe:

- **We would strongly encourage that *all* parents continue to wear face coverings.**
- Please maintain social distancing when in the school grounds/car park.
- Please maintain social distancing at the doors when dropping off or collecting children.

So far, we have not had big gaps in the drop off and pick up times, for the convenience of parents, but this will be kept under review and we ask for your cooperation so that this can be maintained. Thank you for your help.

Parent Interviews

Originally we had planned to have parent interviews before half term in February, but this was prevented by lockdown. Teachers have endeavoured to keep in contact with families since Christmas to offer support and guidance where needed. However, we would wish to have further contact with parents before too long. We intend to use our School Development Day (which was to be used in February) on **Friday 30th April** to contact parents for a chat about your child's progress. **Therefore, school will be closed for all pupils on that date.** More information will be given about this a little nearer to the time.



Closures

As well as 30th April, school is due to be closed on Monday 3rd May, Monday 31st May and Tuesday 1st June. School finishes on Monday 28th June for Year 7 pupils and Wednesday 30th June for all other classes.

Year 7

This year we are again planning to order leavers' hoodies for those who would like one. All Year 7 pupils will have their names printed on the back. If you do not wish to have your child's name printed on the hoodie, please let the school know immediately. The hoodie will be Royal Blue. We will have sample sizes in school. Further information regarding ordering will be sent home next week and orders need to be received by Friday 16th April.

Number Day

Due to lockdown, we have postponed Number Day until May. Further details will follow.



Entry/Exit Arrangements

Below is a reminder of how we will continue to facilitate safe passage to and from the school for all pupils:

- will be kept under constant review and may be subject to change at short notice, so please keep an eye on our website/Facebook page for updates;
- are dependent on parents adhering to social distancing rules when in the school grounds and car park (1m distancing as a minimum with 2m distancing as much as possible and we suggest wearing of face coverings);
- parents/carers must not enter the school with children;
- please follow any directions shown in the school grounds, where we will have a one-way system in operation as far as possible;
- messages must be relayed via – a note to the teacher or a phone call to the office. Non-urgent messages can be relayed through an email on info@dromaraps.org

Date	Class/es	Entry / time	Exit/time
Mon 22 – Thu 25 March	P1	Via P1 fire door / 9.00-9.10am	Via P1 fire door / 1.45pm
	P2	Via P2 fire door / 9.00-9.10am	Via P2 fire door / 1.55pm
	P3	Via P3 fire door / 9.00-9.10am	Via P3 fire door / 3.00pm(Mon,Tue); 1.55pm (Wed-Fri)
	P4	Via KS1 entrance / 9.00-9.10am	Via KS1 entrance / 2.55pm (+ any older siblings**)
	P5	Via sports hall doors / 9.00-9.10am	Via sports hall doors / 2.55pm (+ any older siblings**)
	P6	Via Main Entrance / 9.00-9.10am	Via Main Entrance / 3.00pm
	P7	Via sports hall doors / 9.00-9.10am	Via sports hall doors / 3.00pm
Fri 26 March	P1	As above	Via P1 fire door / 12.15pm (+ any older siblings**)
	P2		Via P2 fire door / 12.15pm (+ any older siblings**)
	P3		Via P3 fire door / 12.15pm (+ any older siblings**)
	P4		Via KS1 entrance / 12.25pm
	P5		Via sports hall doors / 12.25pm
	P6		Via Main Entrance / 12.25pm
	P7		Via sports hall doors / 12.25pm

**NOTE: Older siblings will leave via their designated class exit and not along with younger classes

PE Kit and Mile Walk

At this stage we do not expect children to change for PE, so there is no requirement for parents to bring PE kit. However, we would advise that children should have their gym shoes in school, as we feel it will be very important for children to be able to engage in physical activity during the day and appropriate footwear should be worn. We will be continuing our 'Mile Walk', so please ensure your child has a coat with them.



Parents

- Please remain vigilant!
- Please ensure that school uniform is washed/sanitised daily.
- In line with current government guidance, if your child or anyone living in the same house shows any signs of the symptoms of COVID-19, then your child/ren should not attend school and school must be informed immediately. If a child displays any symptoms associated with COVID-19 in school, they will be isolated and a temperature taken. If the school suspects that COVID-19 infection is a possibility, parents will be informed immediately and the child should be collected from school. Please ensure that we have up to date emergency contact details for you.
- In preparation for coming into school, please take some time to remind your child how to wash hands properly, especially after using the toilet, after coughing or sneezing and before eating; to try not to touch their face with hands; to use tissues if coughing or sneezing; and to be mindful of the personal space of others. We will reinforce these messages in school.

We wish everyone a safe and

