



26th April 2021

We are delighted that the children have settled so quickly into school life again since returning in March. Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and carers who helped with home learning.

School Closures

School will be closed on Friday 30th April and Monday 3rd May. We are also closed on Monday 31st May and Tuesday 1st June. School will finish for the summer holidays on Monday 28th June for Year 7 pupils and Wednesday 30th June for all other pupils.

Parent Interviews: 26th – 30th April 2021

As you are aware, we are unfortunately still unable to hold face-to-face interviews. You will have received a time for a telephone interview which will take place this week. We would remind you that interview times are set at a **maximum of 10 minutes** as other parents will be waiting for a phone call from the teacher. Please try to ensure that you are available to answer the telephone at the agreed time. If for any reason you are unable to answer, please do not telephone school. If necessary, the teacher will contact you.



Parent-Teacher Interviews

School Meals

Please continue to book and, if applicable, pay for meals on **MONDAYS**.



Uniforms

We have two uniform suppliers, 'The Signature Works' and 'School Trends'. Unfortunately, we are unable to have them visit school this year. Parents are able to order uniform online (links on our website). 'The Signature Works' also has a store in Belfast.

Please continue to ensure that school uniform is worn daily, especially regarding school shoes. We encourage pupils to take pride in their work and their school and this includes their appearance, of which school uniform is an important part. However, we do realise that due to lockdown until March, it is impractical to buy new uniform at this point in the year. If you have any issue regarding uniform, please contact us.

Year 1 September 2021

Parents will be notified after 27th April of places for September 2021 and we look forward to welcoming the new pupils to Dromara Primary School. Please return the reply slip and forms promptly. Unfortunately, it appears unlikely that we will be able to have parents visit school for an information session. Therefore, any relevant information will be sent out to you in due course, possibly by email.

Photographs – Opus Digital

Opus Digital will be in school on Wednesday 26th May to take photographs of Years 1, 3, 5 and 7. Further information and permission forms will be sent home in due course.



Cycling Proficiency

Cycling Proficiency for Year 7 pupils will commence on 17th May and run on Mondays and Thursdays as arranged with Mrs Collins. It is not possible to hold other extra-curricular activities at the present time.

Morning and Afternoon Clubs

Whilst we have been informed by the Department of Education that these can resume, due to circumstances beyond our control, we are unable to offer these clubs at present. This will be kept under review and we apologise for any inconvenience.



Sports Day

It is unlikely that we will be able to hold our normal Sports Day at the Football Club. We will monitor the situation and keep you informed via the website.

Annual Reports

Standardised/Class tests are being carried out and an Annual Report will be issued in June. This will update you on your child's progress during the year in all areas of the curriculum.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

27 th – 30 th April	-	Telephone interviews
Fri 30 th April	-	School Closed
Mon 3 rd May	-	School Closed
31 st May & 1 st Jun	-	School Closed



We would ask you to check the Website and App regularly for any updated guidance received from the Department of Education or change of arrangements.

Dromara Primary School Provisional Holiday Dates 2021-22

Please note: School begins on Thursday 26th August 9.10am - 12.15pm
School will finish at 2pm for all pupils on 27th and 31st August
 (please bring a packed lunch)
Monday 30th August is a Bank Holiday

School bus and meals are available from Wed 1st Sept

All dates are inclusive:

<i>Mon 25 Oct 2021 - Fri 29 Oct 2021</i>	<i>(5 days)</i>
<i>Thu 23 Dec 2021 - Wed 5 Jan 2022</i>	<i>(10 days)</i>
<i>Mon 14 Feb 2022 - Fri 18 Feb 2022</i>	<i>(5 days)</i>
<i>Thu 17 Mar 2022 - Fri 18 Mar 2022</i>	<i>(2 days)</i>
<i>Mon 11 Apr 2022 - Fri 22 Apr 2022</i>	<i>(10 days)</i>
<i>Mon 2 May 2022</i>	<i>(1 day)</i>
<i>Thu 2 Jun 2022 - Mon 6 Jun 2022</i>	<i>(3 days)</i>

School Year Ends: Thu 30 June 2022

22nd October & 11th February - school finishes at 1.55 pm.
 22nd December, 8th April, 30th June - school finishes 12.15 pm for pupils in Years 1-3 and siblings, 12.25 pm for all other pupils. No meals available.

Any change to these dates will be posted on our website and App