



Dromara Primary School



6th January 2021

Happy New Year

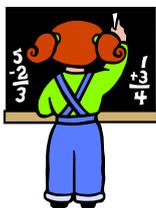
to all parents and pupils

Unfortunately, we have been unable to welcome back pupils in January as we would have wished! Thank you for your patience as we dealt with the recent New Year's Eve announcements from the Department of Education.

As you may know, the Minister for Education has stated that schools will not return until after the February half-term break. For Dromara Primary, this means that children are due to attend school from Monday 22nd February.

Online learning is available from Thursday 7th January. Please check your child's class page on our website for further information. The school will also provide learning packs which can be collected from school as feedback from parents during the last lockdown indicated that parents appreciated having hard copies as opposed to having to download worksheets. Information on collection of packs will go out next week.

Any information we receive from the Department will be posted on our app and website. If, as anticipated, schools will only remain open for supervision for children of 'key workers', anyone wishing to apply for this from Monday 11th January should read the letter which will go on the website today, whether or not you have previously emailed the school.



Year 1 Applications (starting Sept 21)

Applications are made online via the Education Authority website (www.eani.org.uk). Applications open tomorrow, 7th January at 12 noon and close on **Friday 29th January at 12 noon**. Any application after this date is considered 'late', whether or not you have a child currently enrolled at Dromara Primary. **Birth certificates** and any requested supporting documentation should be uploaded to the EA Portal as instructed in the email you will receive from EA when you make your application. We would appreciate if you could share this information with any family or friends who may wish to enrol their child in Dromara Primary. Further information, our virtual school tour and the Prospectus are available on our website.



Dromara Pre-School

If you know of any parents with young children who will be of age to register for Pre-School enrolment in September 2021, please ask them to contact Julie Corbett, Pre-School leader. Details are available on our website.

Parent Interviews

We had planned to have telephone interviews in the week before February half-term. However, this will not now take place as the children will not be in school until after half-term. We will attempt to make alternative arrangements for later in the year.



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