

Dromara Primary School

Restart August/September 2020

Below is a synopsis of how we hope to facilitate safe passage to and from the school for all pupils.

Please note that these arrangements:

- 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 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
24 Aug	P7	Via sports hall doors / 9.00-9.10am	Via sports hall doors / 12.15pm
25 Aug	P7	Via sports hall doors / 9.00-9.10am	Via sports hall doors / 3.00pm
26 Aug	P1* P2 P3 P4 P5 P6 P7	Via P1 fire door / 9.30am onwards* Via P2 fire door / 9.00-9.10am Via P3 fire door / 9.00-9.10am Via KS1 entrance / 9.00-9.10am Via sports hall doors / 9.00-9.10am Via Main Entrance / 9.00-9.10am Via sports hall doors / 9.00-9.10am	Via P1 fire door / 12.15pm (+ any P2-6 siblings**) Via P2 fire door / 12.15pm (+ any P3-6 siblings**) Via P3 fire door / 12.15pm (+ any P4-6 siblings**) Via KS1 entrance / 12.25pm (+ any P5-6 siblings**) Via sports hall doors / 12.25pm (+ any P6 siblings**) Via Main Entrance / 12.25pm Via sports hall doors / 3.00pm **NOTE: Older siblings will leave via their designated class exit and not along with younger classes
27 Aug onwards	P1* P2 P3 P4 P5 P6 P7	Via P1 fire door / 9.00-9.10am Via P2 fire door / 9.00-9.10am Via P3 fire door / 9.00-9.10am Via KS1 entrance / 9.00-9.10am Via sports hall doors / 9.00-9.10am Via Main Entrance / 9.00-9.10am Via sports hall doors / 9.00-9.10am	Via P1 fire door / 12.15pm Via P2 fire door / 1.55pm Via P3 fire door / 1.55pm Via KS1 entrance / 2.55pm (+ any older siblings) Via sports hall doors / 2.55pm (+ any older siblings) Via Main Entrance / 3.00pm Via sports hall doors / 3.00pm

*26th – 28th August are ‘transition’ days for P1 pupils. Parents have been notified of specific days/times on which their children should attend as part of our transition arrangements.

P3 will remain in school until 3.00pm every Monday and Tuesday from Monday 7th September.

In school, the following measures are being put in place:

- Children will remain in their ‘class bubbles’ throughout the school day, thus minimising opportunities for contact with other pupils from outside their own class;
- Play times will be staggered slightly to allow for additional space for pupils in the playgrounds and to minimise contact in corridors;
- Additional cleaning and hygiene procedures are being implemented;
- Children will have regular hand washing times;
- Staff will have access to visors and if necessary face masks, aprons and gloves;
- Hand sanitiser and soap and water are readily available to staff and pupils;

Uniform

Our school uniform supplier will be in school on Monday 17th August from 10.00am to 3.00pm. You will be able to purchase uniform items and a book bag (P1 & P2 only) from them directly on the day. However, if you are unable to come along that day, you can order uniform online at

<https://www.signatureschools.co.uk/primary-schools/dromara-primary/>

Items of uniform that are required are listed on the school website www.dromaraps.org

PE Kit

At this stage we do not expect children to change for PE, so there will be no immediate requirement for parents to purchase 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.

Lunches

- Packed lunches should be provided for all pupils in August.
- School Meals will be available from Tuesday 1st September and will consist of a sandwich lunch – no hot meals at this stage. If you wish your child to take a school meal these should be ordered in August for the 1st week in September. We would ask that meals are ordered thereafter on a Monday morning with a clear note of days when meals are required and the correct money sent in an envelope, clearly marked with child's name and amount enclosed, as we would prefer not to have to deal with change. Indeed, it would be better if a cheque was used to pay for meals (made out to the Education Authority). It is also possible to pay for multiple weeks' school meals in advance. If a child is absent, then meals that have been paid for will be carried forward.

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. We hope and pray that this will not happen and we do not wish to scaremonger at this time.
- 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.
- Aside from the COVID-19 risk, all these simple techniques should help to prevent the spread of other common infections which tend to do the rounds in schools.

This is a very brief summary, and further important information will be contained in the September information booklet, which you can access on our website on the parents' page from 26th August.

Thank you in anticipation of your help in ensuring that school is enjoyable and safe for our pupils.