Drumglass High School arrangements for January 2021

Monday 4th January is a staff planning day, **staff only** in school. The planned Year 12 Parent Teacher (telephone) meetings have been temporarily postponed. These parental meetings will take place over the next two weeks on a more flexible basis (no scheduled appointments). Due to the high demands on phone lines, please do not return a teacher phone call, teachers will call you back at their earliest convenience.

In response to the rising infection numbers and spread of COVID 19 the Department of Education have amended the return to school date for the majority of pupils to Monday 11th January. School is due to restart on Tuesday 5th January. It will do so via remote learning using Google Classroom.

As per DE instruction school will open for the children of families where both parents of key workers. Occupations considered to be key workers can be found on the DENI website [www.deni..gov.uk](http://www.deni..gov.uk) . The decision by the Department of Education to implement remote learning has not been taken lightly and every effort should be made to supress the virus by keeping children at home, it is envisaged that the vast majority of children will be learning at home. Please exhaust all other possibilities of childcare. If you have no alternative safe means of childcare, please complete the form attached and return to the school email by Sunday 3rd January at 3pm (inof@drumglasshihg.dungannon.ni.sch.uk). We will reply to you as soon as possible to confirm your child’s/children place.

By closing schools on Monday 4th – Friday 8th January the DE hope to reduce the spread of this virus and expect very low numbers of pupils in schools. We have a very important role to play in the reduction of this virus.

Pupils in school on week beginning Tuesday 4th-Friday 8th January must;

* Bring a warm coat
* Have 2 face coverings (masks)
* Bring a packed lunch as no canteen facilities are available
* Bring an ipad/laptop to complete learning on google classroom (no mobile phones)

**Week Beginning 11th January**

Year 8-11 pupils – remote learning

Year 12 pupils will be in school sitting GCSE English and Maths exams (11th14th January). Individual timetables have been issued to pupils. Pupils sitting these exams will only be in school at the time of the exams. They should arrive in school 15 minutes prior to the start of the exam and should return home at the end of the exam. Please ensure that they have transport home.

Mobile phones must not be brought into the exam hall and face coverings are compulsory.