



# Dungannon Primary School



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Dear Parent

## Update on Coronavirus (COVID-19)

### Supporting Children of Key Workers in Primary School

The Staff of Dungannon Primary School met today and carried out a risk assessment in relation to our provision to cater for children of Key Workers. It is important to note that school is currently operating with a very reduced number of staff. A small number of Key Workers have informed us that they require child care support. **Based on the number of staff currently available, I can confirm that school will open tomorrow to look after these children. School will open at 9:00am.** If your child is in P1 – P3 please make arrangements to **collect your child at 2:00pm.** If your child is in P4 – P7 please make arrangements to **collect your child at 3:00pm.** Please confirm with school that you will be sending your child into school tomorrow. Correspondence should be via the school app.

### Points to consider before sending your child to school

- If possible, alternative childcare arrangements should be sought *before* deciding to send your child to school. For example, with other family members, friends etc. Please try and use schools as a last resort. This is to try and limit the number of children and adults together in a small space in line with recent social distancing guidance.
- **Children will be required to wear their school uniform.**
- **Children should bring a pencil case and colouring pencils.**
- School will only be open if there are sufficient staff available to maintain a safe environment. This means that decisions to restrict the number of children attending or to close the school at short notice may have to be taken. Up to date contact details must be available and parents must have in place a procedure for the immediate collection of children if safe staffing levels become unavailable or to collect any child who becomes unwell. **Parents must be able to answer their mobile phone at ALL times.**
- Please ensure that you explain to your child that school will not be operating as normal. It will **only be childcare. They will NOT be taught by their teacher.** They will be restricted in their movements to try to ensure social distancing. Age appropriate on-line programmes and films may be made available by the school.
- Children will NOT have access to many toys and games at school. A limited range of resources may be made available in the interests of hygiene. Please remember that while it is not certain how long the virus causing COVID19 survives on surfaces, studies suggest that coronavirus may persist on surfaces for a few hours or up to several days depending on the material.
- **PLEASE ENSURE YOU PROVIDE YOUR CHILD WITH A SNACK. KITCHEN STAFF WILL PREPARE LUNCH FOR YOUR CHILD.**

We would ask that you pay attention to the points outlined above before deciding to send your child to school. Obviously, if your **ONLY** option is to send your child to school, we will look after them in order to support you in your important role.

### **Annual Review Meetings**

Annual review meetings were due to take place this week. After careful consideration, I have decided to complete these review meetings over the telephone. I will try to make contact with parents on the date and time already issued.

### **Work Books**

Your child's teacher will have provided you with an overview of activities to be completed over the coming weeks. A number of activities will be completed in work books etc. When work has been completed I would like to encourage parents to take a photograph of the completed work and upload this to your child's teacher via Google Classroom. If you are unable to do this, you are required to **forward work-books to school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April**. It is important that all completed work is forwarded to your child's teacher for the purpose of monitoring and assessment. Please observe the following times:

P1 Pupils – 9:00am

P2 Pupils – 9:30am

P3 Pupils – 10:00am

P4 Pupils – 10:30am

P5 Pupils – 11:00am

P6 Pupils – 11:30am

P7 Pupils – 12:00 noon

Once again, guidance and advice is amended on a daily basis. As a result, I will continue to provide the most up to date information as possible. Continue to wash your hands regularly, only go out if absolutely necessary, maintain social distancing and look after yourselves and your loved ones.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Thompson  
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Enriching our Community,  
Shaping Futures"***



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