



Dromore Road Primary School

Upper Dromore Road
Warrenpoint
County Down
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11 December 2020

Dear Parents

It is hard to believe that next week will mark the end of term and it will be lovely to enjoy some time with family members over the Christmas period. As you are probably aware from recent media reports, there has been some speculation about schools closing early, but this is not the case, and all schools, following Mr Weir's directive, will remain open next week for face to face teaching. Consequently, we will **finish the term on Friday 18th December as planned**. This will allow for a full week before Christmas Day, when families get together. As a school we fully appreciate that everyone's family circumstance is different, and many of you are worried about the risks of transmission to older, vulnerable family members over the Christmas period. If you have concerns, please feel free to ring and discuss these with us so we can explore alternative options.

As well as each class completing a range of Christmas activities next week, we will also be organising the following:

Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Sing Along

Thursday 17th December – School Virtual Carol Service

Friday 18th – Non-uniform day and unhealthy break

School will close from 12 noon on Friday 18th December and a staggered closure will take place to avoid congestion. Please note the following times:

P6/7 and P1 - 12 noon

P4/5 - 12.05pm

P2/3 - 12.10pm

School will reopen for pupils on Tuesday 5th January 2021 as planned (Please note Monday 4th January is a Staff Development Day). We will continue with the same staggered start and finish times for the next half term and then reevaluate this depending on the situation.



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Open Day

Unfortunately due to Covid restrictions we have been advised not to hold an Open Day this year. If you know any parents who wish to visit the school please ask them to contact the school to make alternative arrangements. We would ask all prospective parents to note that open enrolment for nursery and P1 (September 2021 will commence from 7th January and close 12 noon Friday 29th January 2021. The online portal can be accessed at <https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions/applying-for-a-school-place>

On behalf of the Staff and Governors at Dromore Road can we wish you all a very Happy Christmas. We hope you all have the opportunity to enjoy some time with your loved ones and celebrate what will hopefully be a more positive 2021.

Thank you all so much for your support over the past number of months, as we have all navigated these most uncertain times.

Yours sincerely,

S. McGrath
(Principal)