

24/7/2020

Dear Year 7 parents,

I am writing to inform you of the current plans for the start of the new academic year. We find ourselves in very uncertain and ever changing times, however as a school we are putting plans in place to ensure the best for your children, this includes the health and safety, mental wellbeing and of course academic progress.

Current advice from the Department of Education still suggests that we should have social distancing in place. However given the importance of Year 7 as a transition year and the fact that a number of pupils will be sitting AQE and GL assessments this term we have made the decision that all of Year 7 will be returning to school 5 days a week and the class will be split in two groups until Christmas. This will begin on Monday 24th August. Below is a provisional timetable, this may be subject to change if further guidance should be received from the Department of Education.

Week beginning Monday 24th August – 9.00-1.00. (no school meals available so the children will go home for lunch). Mr Kirkwood will be teaching the Year 7 AQE group and Mrs McManus and Mrs Baxter will be teaching the remainder of the class until December.

Monday 31st August – 8.45 -1.00 (no school meals available so the children will go home for lunch)

Tuesday 1st September – Friday 4th September 8.45 - 2.00 (packed lunch available for free school meals only)

Week beginning Monday 7th September 8.45 - 2.00.

For those pupils who are sitting examinations during Term1 we also plan to run 2 Saturday morning sessions and one other morning session when the school is closed for a teacher development day for AQE/GL preparation and the opportunity for children to sit a test under test conditions (dates to be confirmed)

We understand that the children have been out of school for a considerable amount of time and therefore for some there may be some anxiety about return and we hope to be able to prepare the children for this return throughout the month of August.

Over the remainder of the summer if children who will be sitting the AQE or GL assessments have completed the packs that were sent home prior to Lockdown we would be happy to send out further work please get in contact via the following email address lstewart935@c2kni.net before 29th July.

If your child was going to Brainbusters before Lockdown and you have not yet let Mrs Gamble know. Please can you email address above to confirm whether you have registered your child to sit the AQE or GL tests.

We hope you enjoy the rest of your summer holidays and look forward to seeing the children on Monday 24th August at 9.00am.

L Stewart