



## Cookstown High School

Combined Grammar & Secondary School

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10 March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I am very pleased to be able to write to you to confirm the arrangements for Year 12, Year 13 and Year 14 pupils returning to the High School on 22<sup>nd</sup> March. We have been delighted with the way in which pupils have engaged throughout the lock down, and we very much appreciate your messages of support and encouragement. Huge thanks to staff (teaching and support) who have put in an extraordinary amount of work, tireless effort and energy during lockdown, in delivering lessons or supporting learning for all pupils.

To enable the return to normal routines, teaching staff will not be available for live teaching or online support on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March. Work will be set for all pupils to complete independently; this will enable the staff team to ensure a strong start for all pupils.

Pupil experience of return to school will be very similar to the autumn term – the use of year group specific entrances nearest to their Form Class room and facilities, one-way systems, regular hand sanitising, designated indoor/outdoor spaces and the expectation that pupils will do all they can to remain socially distanced from others where possible. In addition, pupils will be expected to wear face coverings on buses, in lessons and in communal areas.

The priority is to ensure that all pupils re-integrate quickly in terms of academic progress and their personal development. Pupils must prepare for their return to school by ensuring that their uniform is fully compliant; Wallace/Kee clothing is operating online business and can facilitate uniform orders. Pupils need to be organised with equipment, books and the like. Please continue to emphasise with your child the high expectations we have of all pupils in advance of their return to school. We ask for your support in this as we want the return to school experience to be as positive an experience as possible, for everyone involved.

On-line lessons will continue for Year 8 – 11 pupils from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March and all lessons will follow the normal school timetable.

Year 12 – 14 pupils are expected to arrive at school at the normal time and should be aware that it will be week B. School transport will operate as normal, as will the school canteen.

Yours sincerely

G J Evans  
Principal