



CASTLEDERG HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/ Guardian,

I would like to thank every one of you for your perseverance through what has been a most difficult time for us all. I would like to reassure you all that we are working very hard to create a plan for our return to school in August that gets us back to as normal a situation as possible. I do realise that your son/daughter may have made their decision leave school and pursue their education elsewhere. If this is the case, we wish them well for their future careers and hope that in the Autumn we can bring them back for a proper farewell event. For many pupils it is their plan to return to school to follow post 16 courses. If this is the case the following information may be reassuring to you.

We are planning to have significant hygiene processes in place in school to ensure your son/ daughter is protected as far as possible and these will be communicated to you nearer to the return to school. These will include handwashing on arrival and during the day, sanitising on arrival in every classroom, wiping down of surfaces on a regular basis, a one- way system of movement through the school, ensuring very good ventilation in all areas, and a host of other measures. There will also be canteen provision but this will be provided in a number of places to ensure social distancing. Pupils will be wearing school uniform. At the moment we are planning for your son/ daughter to return to school for an induction day for their year group where they will be re- introduced back into school and any new systems will be explained at that point to ensure all pupils are comfortable with their return. As year 13', you have to meet with the Head of 6th Year to confirm your application to come back to school. Your son/daughter will be in school for an induction session before the start school. Details of key dates are below –

Key Dates Year 13

20th August 2020 =GCSE Results morning – 9 am – 11.30 – Drop in to receive GCSE results (Interviews to arrange A Level choices arranged at this point)
27th August 2020 – Induction Morning for year 13 – 9.30am – 12pm

The current plan is that we are going to bring in **Year 13 and 14 all of the time.**

Can I ask you in the meantime to download our Castlederg High School App if you have not already done so, as this is an excellent way for us to easily communicate with you and give you regular updates.

We are really looking forward to having our pupils back and once again can I commend you the parents and guardians for all you have done in supporting your son/daughter and be reassured that our young people are very resilient and once back in the classroom they will very quickly make great progress once again. Please reassure your son/daughter that we will be doing everything we can to support them and not to worry at all about their return. It is not yet clear if exam boards will be altering assessment and exams, however I can reassure you that there are

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ongoing discussions to ensure all pupils are treated fairly and this may mean a reduction in content if it is deemed necessary.

I will be in touch with greater details nearer the time and with the ever changing picture we may find we are allowed to bring all pupils back all of the time by then. This would certainly be my preference. Have a lovely summer and take care,

Yours sincerely,

Susan Wilson

Principal