



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. We have enclosed your son/ daughter's report and hope that this helps you and your child to remember all the progress they made over the past year and helps to focus them for the new year ahead.

We are planning to have significant hygiene processes in place in school to ensure your child 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, amongst 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 morning 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. Pupils going into year 11 will have their choices finalised during this induction week. We would ask you to arrange to bring your son/ daughter to school on that day and to collect them as a one off.

Induction Days

Year 11 – Tuesday 25th August 9.30 am – 12pm

Year 10 – Wednesday 26th August 9. 30 am – 12pm

Year 9 – Thursday 27th August 9.30am – 12pm

The current plan is that from Tuesday 1st September your son/ daughter will be in school for one week and have home learning for one week. We are very aware that this is not at all ideal and very difficult for parents, but this is to be able to comply with social distancing and the current guidelines. However as we are in an ever changing situation, it would be our plan to bring as many children back as is possible, so we may find that they we are able to be in all of the time by September, depending on the R rate and the legislation at the time. It would be our goal to get as many children back as much of the time as possible. I think there is nothing for it but to wait and see what August will bring and we will be in touch prior to the induction days to give you much greater detail about your son/ daughter's return.

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

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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 children are very resilient and once back in the classroom they will very quickly make great progress once again.

I will be in touch with greater details nearer the time. Have a lovely summer and take care,

Yours sincerely,

Susan Wilson

Principal