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Dear Drummond Community,



Well. It has been quite a term!

I know that lockdown and school closures have presented many challenges for families over the past few months and without minimising this, hope that you have been able to find some small silver linings that have kept your spirits up amongst the clouds.



For me, lockdown has reinforced the importance of people- family, friends and community, and a quieter, kinder, pace of life.

I hope that you are able to spend more time with family and friends as lockdown restrictions ease and we find some kind of new normal.



I must pay tribute to all my colleagues at Drummond for all their hard work during the whole session and in particular for their resilience, creativity and commitment to our school community while school has been closed, whether that was online teaching, delivering food parcels or staffing the Drummond Hub.

We will be switching off our computers and logging out of Teams for the summer. The admin@drummond.edin.sch.uk mailbox is still open but not manned until early August.

Thanks also to our families for sending us their good wishes and for their ongoing understanding and patience: your support is much appreciated.

Finally, I know I speak for all of Drummond staff when I say that we are all very much looking forward to seeing your children back in school in August.

Dates to note

Friday 26 June: end of term

Tuesday 4 August: SQA results published

Monday 10 & Tuesday 11 August: Inservice Days for staff

Wednesday 12 August: all pupils return to school

Return to school in August 2020

As you know, we are planning for all pupils to return to school on 12th August. We await further information from the Scottish Government and will share this with you when it becomes available, over the summer holidays.

I will be sending detailed letters to all families on these returning to school plans later on in the summer and this will include important documents, such as excursion permission forms, that parents will need to complete and return to the school office.

Staffing

We are now fully staffed for August and look forward to welcoming our new colleagues on 10 August:

Ms Aimee Ferrier, Teacher of English

Mr Stuart Mitchell, Teacher of Music

Mr Carlos Arricibita, Teacher of Support for Learning

Ms Jasmine Ben Lahoucine, Teacher of French and Spanish

Ms Daria Malak, Teacher of Mathematics

Mr Ross Young, Teacher of PE

Ms Alice Doyle, Teacher of Geography

Mrs Judith Currie, ICT technician

Home learning

We know how challenging it has been for pupils to learn remotely and for families to juggle work and domestic responsibilities and support home learning.

A number of parents and pupils have asked if course work will still be available on Teams so that they can spend some time catching up over the summer before returning to school. It is important that all pupils are able to have a break from school work to be refreshed for term beginning in August, but I would encourage all young people who feel that they have work to catch up on, and if they are able to, to access their course work.

As always, look after yourselves and have a lovely summer break.



J Hannan

Headteacher

