



Hezlett Primary School

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Principal: Mrs D Winters

Dear P7 Parent

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As you will now be aware, the planned AQE test scheduled for 27th February has now been cancelled rather than postponed. I have received emails to this effect from Coleraine Grammar and Limivady Grammar this afternoon. I suppose we must take comfort in the fact that this decision has been made sooner rather than later. It was almost inevitable and even if the charade had continued for the next few weeks, it was highly unlikely that the ongoing Covid situation would have improved to an extent that would have allowed a test at the end of February to proceed safely.

Mrs McKernan and I will continue to liaise with local grammar schools and they will shortly be in direct contact with you as parents, if they have not already done so. Children will transfer and will be attending new schools in September. It is a disgrace that they now have to wait again and worry again about the way that will be decided. We will offer support to pupils in whatever way we can, but there will be a degree of uncertainty until all grammar schools that service Hezlett Primary publish entry criteria at the end of the month.

One thing is certain, all the hard work that your child did in preparation has not been wasted. Their minds have been sharpened, their speed of working increased dramatically and their basic skills in literacy and numeracy honed. This will stand them in good stead for quick progression at whichever school they attend in the future. They are to be congratulated for their efforts! I am just so disappointed that they have not been given the opportunity to showcase that knowledge by completing their AQE tests.

Yours Sincerely

Donna Winters