



DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 11th September

Dear Parents/Carers

We would like to start by thanking our children. They have been superb and have quickly adapted to the new COVID Safe procedures at school! Well done children you are all fantastic, keep up the good work! We would also like to thank our parents and carers. You have followed a number of new routines, including new routes into and out of school and adopting different drop off and collection times. Throughout it all, you have been understanding and supportive, we appreciate it, thank you!

I would also like to also thank the incredible team I work alongside, they are all very hard working and committed and have quickly adapted to the new normal at school. Great work!

Important - Collecting Children

Can we remind parents and carers that children can only be picked up from school by contacts we have on our system. Children should be collected by a person aged 16 years and over (we will not hand your child over to an unknown contact or individual we believe to be under 16). Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.

Contact Details and Photograph Consent

Please can you check that school has your current contact details, including telephone numbers, email addresses and postal addresses. It is recommended that we have three contacts for each child in school, especially during the current climate, when we may have to get in touch with families urgently.

The admin team will be sending out an electronic photograph consent form via email. **Can you please complete the form by Friday 18th September** (we advise checking your junk email in case it goes into that inbox) thank you.

PLEASE NOTE: All of our letters and forms will continue to be sent out via email and/or text message so it is **vital** that we have up to date contact information, especially Email addresses, thank you for your support.

COVID 19 Symptoms

Please can we remind families of the symptoms of COVID 19:

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

1. A high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
2. A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)



3. A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least one of these symptoms.

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible. You can do this by dialling Tel 119 or visiting the following website: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

Please keep your child at home if they have any of the symptoms above and arrange for them to have a test. Children **must** stay at home until confirmation that they have tested negative and no longer have symptoms. Please remember that anyone in the household, and anyone in the support bubble, must also stay at home until they get the result and no longer have symptoms.

Sickness and Diarrhoea

Please remember that children with sickness and diarrhoea **must not** return to school until 48 hours after their symptoms have gone. More information can be found here: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

School Bags

Children can bring school bags into school but only if they need to bring essential items:
Water Bottle - which must be filled before school
Packed Lunch (If this is from home)
Homework

All bags must be wipe clean only. Teachers will be monitoring bags and will be in touch if they are not appropriate (Covid friendly). Thank you.

Childcare Club

After School Childcare Club is re-opening on **Monday 21st September**. We have 20 places available. Sessions will run from the end of the school day until 5.30pm. Sessions cost £7 per child, which includes a snack and drink.

PLACES WILL BE AVAILABLE ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS. If you would like to book your child into the Childcare Club, please email an expression of interest to us at delveslanepimary@durhamlearning.net We will then email out an electronic form for you to complete. All Childcare Places **MUST** be pre-booked and pre-paid. Thank you.

Supervision of children at the end of the day

Please can families ensure that children **do not** play on outdoor equipment at the end of the day. The play parks, slides and outdoor equipment **MUST NOT** be used in Nursery or on the Infant Yard. Children cannot access this during the day unless we have strict cleaning procedures in place.

Parking outside school

We have had several parents express their concerns about the parking on the lane next to the Pit Bungalows. Some parents and carers cannot access the pavements because of inconsiderately parked vehicles. If you are concerned about the parking outside the school, please check you are parking safely. More information can be found here: <https://www.durham.gov.uk/schoolparking>
If you wish to report a car parked on the pavement, please follow this link <https://www.durham.gov.uk/article/3488/Pavement-parking>

Safer parking around schools improves the safety of your children. Let's help to keep all our families and the community safe.

REMINDER Drop-off & Collection Times

The current drop-off and collection times will remain in force for the foreseeable future. Here is a reminder of those times for parents & carers:

Year Groups	School Start Time	End/Collection Time
Nursery AM	8.45am	11.45am
Nursery PM	12.15pm	3.05pm
Reception (Class 1 & 2)	8.45am	3.05pm
Year 1 & 2 (Classes 3,4,5,6)	8.55am	3.15pm
Year 3 & 4 (Classes 7,8,9,10)	8.45am	3.05pm
Year 5 & 6 ((Classes 11,12,13 14)	8.35am	2.55pm
Families with siblings in Classes 11,12,13,14	8.35am	Normal collection time for each child
Families with siblings in ALL other classes (Nursery, Classes 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10)	8.45am	Normal collection time for each child

REMINDER - PE KITS

Children can come to school in their PE kits on the days outlined below. Children can wear:

Plain navy-blue shorts

Plain sky-blue or white t-shirt

Black plimsolls or appropriate sports footwear

In the colder month's children can wear:

Plain navy-blue hoody

Plain navy-blue/black jogging bottoms

Girls can also wear navy-blue or black leggings in the colder months.

Class	PE Day
Nursery AM & PM	Friday
Classes 1 & 2	Thursday
Classes 3 & 4	Tuesday
Classes 5 & 6	Wednesday
Classes 7 & 8	Monday & Wednesday
Classes 9 & 10	Thursday
Classes 11 & 12	Tuesday
Classes 13 & 14	Monday

It has been lovely to see so many smiling faces at school this week. We hope all our families have a lovely weekend and continue to 'stay safe'. Take care.

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Head Teacher