



DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Update for Parents/Carers of Vulnerable Pupils and Critical Worker Parents/Carers

From Monday 1st June, we have had to change the arrangements for drop off and collection of your child from DLPS.

The emergency childcare will now be moved to the junior building. We have identified three classrooms to accommodate three groups or bubbles. Each bubble will be supervised by two members of staff at all times. Each bubble will have their own zone for outdoor learning and break times. Bubbles will not come into contact with each other. If you have more than one child, they will attend the same bubble. Schools are asked to reduce contact between children and staff as far as possible by children being grouped into bubbles.

Procedures for drop off and collection of children:

- One Parent or Carer from each family will wait outside the main school pedestrian gate to drop off or collect their child from school
- Please can parents remember to socially distance with their child/children outside the school gates.
- MORNING drop off-times 8.45am to 9.00am
- AFTERNOON collection times 3.00pm to 3.15pm
- If your child is attending for an afternoon session, please can you ring the school office when you arrive at the main gate and a member of staff will come and meet you. Your child will then be escorted onto the site.
- If you would like to collect your child earlier than the end of the school day, please ring the school office to let us know the time of collection. Your child will be at the main gate at the given time, with a member of staff ready for you to collect.
- Please provide your child with a packed lunch, water bottle, snacks, PE kit, sun cream and a sun hat. A coat will be required during inclement weather.
- Children will not be expected to wear uniform. Please make sure your child wears clean clothes to school each day that they attend. Please also provide clean PE kits daily, these do not need to follow uniform guidelines.
- Children are expected to have washed their hands before leaving home and will wash them when they come into school. They will continue to wash them through the school day and before they are collected by Parents/Carers.
- Children are not allowed to bring any toys or other items into school.
- If you need to contact school after you have dropped your child off, this must be by telephone or email.
- Please drop off and collect your child promptly.
- Cars will not be allowed onto the site; the main gates will be locked.
- Signs and banners will display the new procedures from Wednesday 3rd June 2020.

Groups or Bubbles

Children will be allocated to a junior classroom. Each bubble/group will have a maximum of 6 children with two members of staff. We will offer project-based learning as well using resources from the E Bug website https://www.e-bug.eu/junior_pack_ks1.aspx?cc=eng&ss=2&t=KS1%20Lesson%20Pack Resources used will be easily cleaned, e.g. plastic construction, etc.

Children will have their own stationery to use at school. Children will be sat at tables but not next to each other (unless with their siblings). Where equipment is shared, it will be cleaned with anti-bacterial cleaner after each child has used it. Rooms will be ventilated as much as possible and children will have regular access to outdoor learning and breaks.

Social Distancing

Each bubble will have a maximum of 6 children to promote social distancing where possible.

Government guidance states **'We know that, unlike older children and adults, early years and primary age children cannot be expected to remain 2 metres apart from each other and staff all of the time'**.

We will follow the guidance by:

- ✓ **avoiding contact with anyone with COVID -19 symptoms**
- ✓ **frequent hand cleaning and good respiratory hygiene practices**
- ✓ **regular cleaning of settings**
- ✓ **minimising contact and mixing**

It is still important to reduce contact between children and adults as much as possible, and we can achieve that and reduce transmission risk by ensuring children and staff where possible, only mix in a small, consistent group and that small group stays away from other people and groups.

Please see the link to government guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings>

More about handwashing

Hand Washing routines for all children and staff in each bubble. Hands will be washed:

- Before leaving home.
- On arrival at the school.
- After using the toilet.
- After all breaks, and sporting activities.
- Before eating any food.
- Before leaving school.

Coronavirus Symptoms

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- ❖ high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- ❖ 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)
- ❖ 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

Children must stay at home if they develop coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms to avoid spreading

infection to others. If children develop coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms while at school they will be sent home immediately. Whilst a child is waiting to be collected, they will be removed from their bubble to a separate room with a member of staff. Staff supervising children with symptoms may wear PPE (personal protective equipment).

We ask Parents and Carers to prepare your child for their return to school. This will include explaining drop off and pick up arrangements, social distancing expectations and going through thorough hand washing routines. Staff will be going through expectations too once pupils are in school.

Stay safe and take care of your families.

Warm regards,

Mrs Woods
Headteacher