



# DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## LEARN, ACHIEVE, INSPIRE

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September

Dear Parents & Carers,

We are very grateful to our children for being so sensible when learning about all the new routines at school. Our community is helping to embed all the new procedures and we are very grateful for all your support. Our letter today includes this term's 'Calendar of Events' with everything being held 'virtually'. We have also attached a letter from Durham County Council's Public Health and a flyer about School Attendance.

### Social Distancing

We would like to thank our families for following our new entrance, one-way system and exit from the school. Here is a reminder of the procedures we must all follow.

- Please can we all continue to socially distance from other families
- Children CANNOT cycle or scoot on school grounds
- Children MUST WALK when on school grounds
- We continue to recommend that parents and carers wear a face covering when entering and exiting the school. This is recommended because some areas can become quite congested.

Please see the attached letter about 'Gatherings at the School Gates' from Public Health. Thank you for helping us to keep our whole school community safe.

### What to do if your child presents with COVID symptoms

If your child develops symptoms compatible with coronavirus (COVID-19), they should STAY AT HOME. Please contact school at once and notify us. However, if your child develops symptoms at school, they will be sent home. Anyone with symptoms should stay at home for at least 10 days and book a test. This can be done by calling 119 or online through the NHS website: [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus). The rest of the household needs to stay at home for 14 days to self-isolate. All children attending school will have access to a test if they display symptoms of COVID-19 and are encouraged to get tested.

The symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- the loss or change of their sense of taste or smell

Any pupil who develops any of the above symptoms should be tested. There is no need for their households to have a test, unless they are also symptomatic.

Children may feel unwell with a common cold, sore throat, headache or upset stomach. These are not symptoms and therefore a test is not required and self-isolation is not required.

Once the test has been taken: **If result the test is negative**, all isolation ends and the child and the household can return to school and work. Please inform us and send confirmation of the negative test.

**If the test is positive**, the child remains in isolation alongside their family and the latest government guidance will need to be followed. The social group for that child or staff member will be contacted and we will engage with Public Health England and Test and Trace.

### Year 2 News

Yesterday our children in Classes 5 and 6 returned to school and they have settled back into their new routines really well. It's been lovely to see them around school. It looks like they have been busy with their home learning, as we have been very impressed with some of their models! Well done Year 2.

### Photograph Consent

Please can we remind parents and carers to return consent forms. These have been sent out via email and text message. We will need them to be returned by Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September, thank you.



## **Parent Survey – Remote Education**

In the event that classes, year group bubbles, groups or individual children need to self-isolate due to COVID-19, we need to provide remote education (home learning). We will be sending out a survey by Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September to find out how you would prefer to access remote education.

We will only provide remote education (home learning) in the following circumstances:

1. A child has to isolate for 14 days because they have been in 'close contact' with someone who has tested positive at school. School will contact Public Health and communicate immediately with those families affected.
2. A child has to isolate for 14 days because someone in their household or support bubble has tested positive
3. A child has tested positive and needs to isolate for at least 10 days from the day their test was taken

## **Attendance**

A range of protective measures have been put in place in order that parents and children feel confident of their safe return to DLPS. As a school, we understand that parents may have anxieties or concerns about your child's return and we encourage you to contact us if you have any specific concerns that you would like to talk through or any help and support that you or your child may require.

As echoed by the Government, it is vital for all children who can be at school to attend, given that the sooner children can return to school, the better it is for their health and mental wellbeing, wider development and their educational prospects.

The Government have made clear the expectation that all children will return to school this term when school attendance will, again, be mandatory. The Government have planned for a range of potential scenarios detailing the actions that parents and schools should take in the event of one of the issues arising and this is attached in the summary attendance policy leaflet. We would be grateful if parents could familiarise themselves with this. Thank you for your support.

## **Homework**

Homework will be provided in the following ways:

### Nursery and Classes 1 & 2

Homework Folders will be sent home with children on Friday every week. We will also be introducing TAPESTRY very soon to our children and families in Nursery & Reception (more information below). TAPESTRY will also feature online homework activities.

### Classes 3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14

We will provide homework via Google Classroom, Times Table Rockstar's and Spelling Shed. If families do not have access to technology, please contact school.

## **TAPESTRY for Nursery and Reception (Classes 1 & 2)**

Tapestry will be introduced to all our Early Years families next week. Tapestry is a secure online Learning Journal to record photos, observations and comments, in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum. This will help us build up a record of your child's experiences during their time with us. The system allows us to work with parents and carers to share information and record the children's play and learning in and outside of the classroom. Next week we will be in touch with more information and to confirm all parent/carers email addresses, thank you.

## **SCHOOL MEALS – Infant Children ONLY (Classes 1,2,3,4,5,6)**

We are introducing a hot meal to our **infant** children from **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020**. You should have received a text/email to complete an online form with your infant child's choice of meal. This MUST BE RETURNED by Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

If you have not received the form via email or text, please contact the office to update your details. If we don't receive your child's menu choices, then we must assume that no school meals are required and a packed lunch from home is going to be provided.

A **junior** hot meal (Classes 7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14) will be starting on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October**. A form will be sent out to parents and carers next week.

## Water Bottles

Thank you to those parents who have remembered to send water bottles in with their children. It is really important that these are cleaned at home and are sent in every day please! Water bottles are still available to purchase from school, please telephone or email us and we will deliver a bottle direct to your child's class (payment should be made via ParentPay), thank you.

## Birthday Cakes and Food

We have had a few people ask us if they can bring a birthday cake in to school for children to celebrate with their friends. Due to the current climate and the number of children we have suffering from various allergies, we have decided that it is safer for us to say no to cakes and treats coming in from home. We will, however, still remember your child's birthday and make sure that they feel special when it is their big day.

## Class 9 News

Mrs Stevens, Miss Webb and Mrs Teneur are very impressed with the remote education (home learning) taking place. They would like all the children to keep up the good work! Well done!

## Year 3 News

The children in classes 7 and 8 have had a wonderful time this week learning about forces. As part of our investigations, we have been trying cars out on ramps and decided to make our own! We have been learning to use hacksaws safely to cut doweling to size and assemble our very own carts. We have some terrific designs and are all very proud of what we have achieved! Well done everyone!

## Calendar of Events – Autumn 2020

Please see this terms Calendar of Events. Details and reminders will come out via text message and email,

Date	Event	Information
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 2 Phonics Screening information meeting 4pm	Virtual meeting via Zoom A link will be emailed to parents of classes 5 and 6
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception Sounds Write information meeting 4pm	Virtual meeting via Zoom A link will be emailed to Parents of Classes 1 and 2
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Year 6 SATS information meeting 4pm	Virtual meeting via Zoom A link will be emailed to parents of Classes 13 and 14
Week beginning 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Food Bank donations welcome	Collection points for dry food donations will be located around the site at drop off and collection times. Details to follow
Week beginning 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent and Teacher phone calls – Settling back into School and Initial baseline assessments for the Autumn term More Information will follow.	Parents will be given a time when Class Teacher will ring to discuss how their child has settled in school and share children's baseline assessment.
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Non-Uniform Day - <b>RED</b>	Children bring in £1 to come to school dressed in Non-Uniform. A percentage of donations go to NHS Charities Together
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Last day of Autumn 1 <sup>st</sup> Half Term	
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term Holiday	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	School closed for Staff Professional Development	
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	School closed for Staff Professional Development	
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	School Re-opens for Teaching/Children welcomed back to school	
Week beginning 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Assessment week – Years 1 - 6	Please make sure children come to school on time and have eaten a good breakfast.
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	School closed for Staff Professional Development	
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Early Years Nativity Mashup Nursery, Class 1 & 2	School will provide children with costumes A recording will be uploaded to Facebook/Website

Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Singalong in school Juniors (Classes 7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14)	Children can come into school dressed in Christmas Jumpers A recording will be uploaded to Facebook/Website
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Singalong in school Infants	Children can come into school in Christmas Jumpers. A recording will be uploaded to Facebook/Website
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Parties:  Y1 Morning Y2 Afternoon Y3 Morning Y4 Afternoon	For morning parties, children can come dressed in their party clothes. For parties in the afternoon please put clothes in a labelled carrier bag. Children will get changed at school with support from staff.
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Parties:  Nursery Morning Reception Afternoon Y5 Morning Y6 Afternoon	For morning parties, children can come dressed in their party clothes. For parties in the afternoon please put clothes in a labelled carrier bag. Children will get changed at school with support from staff.
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner in School	Children can wear Christmas Jumpers. Children bring £1 into school for dressing in non-uniform. A percentage of donations will go to NHS Charities Together.
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of Autumn Term	
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> December to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> January	Christmas Holidays	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	School Re-opens for Teaching/Children welcomed back to school	

### Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club opens again on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020**. **Places MUST be pre-booked and pre-paid.**

Once your child has been registered for Breakfast club, you can ring the office or send an email to make a booking. Children can be dropped off between 7.50am and 8.00am **ONLY**. We will not be able to accommodate anyone who arrives after this time. Sessions are £2 per child. Thank you.

### After School Childcare

We opened up After School Childcare on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September. Sessions run from after school until 5.30pm. **Places MUST be pre-booked and pre-paid.** Once your child has been registered for Breakfast club, you can ring the office or send an email to make a booking. Sessions are £7 per child. Thank you.

### Behaviour Policy

We have updated our behaviour policy and this is available on our school website. Please follow the link <http://www.delveslaneprimary.durham.sch.uk/about-us/school-policies/>

We do appreciate that things are very different for our DLPS families and we are here to help and support as much as possible. Please get in touch via telephone or email if you have any queries.

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