



DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents & Carers

Friday 16th October 2020

We are extremely proud of our children at DLPS, they have come back into school and settled in to new routines, managed to follow the new rules and all with a great attitude. Well done children, you are an absolute credit to our school. We are also very grateful to parents and carers for navigating their way around our one-way system, thank you!

Non-Uniform Day on Friday 23rd October.

On the last day of this half term – Friday 23rd October 2020, children can donate £1 for dressing in non-uniform. Due to Covid-19 and infection control, ideally, we would prefer this donation to be made into school fund via ParentPay. A percentage of your kind donations will go to NHS Charities Together.

For next Friday afternoon, children in Classes 3 to 14 can bring a Halloween accessory, such as a witch's hat, non-scary mask, black cape, cats' ears, devil hair band/clips, etc. This must be brought in a bag and will be stored in the classroom until after lunchtime. Next Friday afternoon, during Golden Time, children will have a 'Pumpkin Party' in their class. They will create crafts, and enjoy some Halloween treats which school will supply. During the Pumpkin parties, children who have had a birthday this term, will celebrate with their class and there will even be some cake, which will be provided by school.

Nursery, Classes 1 and 2 will have their own Halloween Party on Thursday 22nd October. They will join in with the class birthday celebrations on Friday 23rd October during their Golden Time!

Celebration Assemblies

We were hoping to start celebrating Star of the Week half termly assemblies this half term but due to further COVID-19 Local Restrictions, it has not been possible. After the school holidays, teachers will nominate their star of the week. Children will receive certificates and both Miss Webb and Mrs Woods will be making phone calls home to let parents know the good news! Thank you!

TAPESTRY for Nursery and Classes 1 & 2

We are really excited to introduce our nursery and reception parents and carers to Tapestry. You will receive an email from us today explaining what Tapestry is all about, how it works and a guide on how to access it. Watch out for a separate link later this afternoon, which will enable you to active your account and see some of the exciting learning that has taken place this half term.

FIRST CLASS – THE NORTHERN ECHO – Classes 1 & 2

Don't miss our reception classes in this year's feature. See the Northern Echo on **Tuesday 20th October** for the Special School New Starters Feature.

Individual Pupil Photographs – Wednesday 25th November

Phototronics will be coming to school on Wednesday 25th November to take the children's annual individual photographs. As you can imagine, things will have to be very different this year due to the restrictions around COVID19. Therefore, we are sorry to say we will be unable to have sibling group photographs this year; we will not be able to welcome younger siblings into school for photos and we will not be able to have photos together of siblings who are in school. Whilst I understand this is disappointing for many parents, we cannot risk mixing bubbles through the school and although some siblings are in the same year group it would be unfair for them to be able to have photos taken together when other children cannot.

Obviously, we realise that some of you will be disappointed about this but we must to the best of our ability, keep everyone safe in these strange times! We will send a reminder out again after the half term holiday.



Forest School News

This week we have officially opened our Forest School! Mr Surtees has been working hard to create a lovely fire circle for our children. Nursery loved being the first ones to see it! We are sure you agree that he has done a tremendous job and the children are going to enjoy our fantastic outdoor provision. Thank you Mr Surtees for all your hard work.



Weekend (Out of Hours) Contact Information - In the case of a positive COVID-19 test result ONLY (not to report symptoms).

In the unfortunate event that your child receives a **POSITIVE** test for COVID-19 **over a weekend (and your child has been in school in contact with others)**, please contact us via the following email address **immediately** so that we can act upon this information and contact other parents/carers of children who may have been in close contact and will need to self-isolate.

You are advised that testing centres are still the quickest way to access a test and the results seem to be returned promptly. Please help us to keep our community safe. Email us as soon as possible at delveslaneprimary@durhamlearning.net

Spare Clothes Needed

We are politely asking parents of Nursery and Classes 1 & 2 to return school clothing. If you have any spare clothes, especially trousers for aged 2-3 years, 3-4 years and 4-5 years they will be gratefully received. Thank you.

Head Lice

As a school we want to ensure parents/carers are provided with the advice and support to effectively detect and treat cases of head lice affecting their own children. For information on how to spot, treat and prevent head lice you may wish to visit NHS Choices or download their leaflet.

REMINDER Parent & Carer Emails

We send out information to parents and carers on a daily basis. Please can you check your email accounts every day as we don't want you to miss important messages. If you haven't provided school with an up to date email address, please can you email those details to delveslaneprimary@durhamlearning.net Thank you!

DLPS COVID-19 Risk Assessment updated October 2020

Please see our latest Risk Assessment regarding COVID-19 Safe Procedures that we follow at DLPS. [DLPS COVID-19 RA](#)

REMINDER Google Classroom

Children from Classes 3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13 & 14 are all able to login to Google Classrooms. Google Classroom is an exciting, learning platform with curriculum resources we have developed for your child to access. Your child will have access to Google Classroom using a school email address and a password which has previously been sent to you via text message and email. Google Classroom has been designed to support pupils having access to increased online learning and crucially develop stronger communication directly with teachers. It will allow pupils and staff to collaborate on one learning platform. Your child will be able to access homework that has been assigned by their teacher. Children will also be provided with remote educational resources (home learning resources) in the event of a child or group of children having to self-isolate. All teachers now have a dedicated google e-mail address for contact with families. These @delveslane.school e-mail addresses are exclusively for contact concerning your child's education and you can also use them if you are having difficulties logging in to Google Classroom. Please speak to a member of the admin team if you need a reminder of the teacher's email address. The link below provides very helpful tutorials on how to access Google Classroom:

<http://www.delveslaneprimary.durham.sch.uk/covid-19-home-learning-resources/google-classrooms/>

Guide to Covid19 restrictions

Please see the link below which displays a handy guide to Covid19 restrictions. It shows what's law, where restrictions are in place or whether there are changes to how businesses and organisations are operating.

<http://www.durham.gov.uk/article/24320/Guide-to-Covid19-restrictions>

RMINDER CORONAVIRUS

Durham County Council are reminding all residents to:

- 1) Wash **hands** for 20 seconds and often
- 2) Cover **face** whenever possible
- 3) Make **space** stay 2 metres apart from others
- 4) Get a **test** if you have symptoms of Coronavirus

It's great to see our families 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. **Where parents cannot socially distance, then we strongly recommend parents & carers wear a face covering.**
- Children CANNOT cycle or scoot on school grounds
- Children MUST WALK when on school grounds
- **We strongly recommend parents and carers wear a face covering when entering and exiting school. This is recommended because some areas can become quite congested.**
- ***DLPS has been advised that only ONE parent or carer should drop off and collect their child/children each day. Thank you.***

REMINDER COVID-19 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. 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 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.

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**

Food Bank Donations

Please can we thank our very kind and generous parents and carers for your kind donations for our local Food Bank, Glenroyd House. We know that they will be overwhelmed by donations from our lovely Delves Lane School Community.

Walking Home Consent – IMPORTANT!

We have a system in place allowing parents/carers to give permission for children to leave school alone and not be met by an adult at home time. Many parents have completed this form and class teachers are aware of who does and does not have consent to leave their care at the end of the school day. It is very important that you understand that by signing this form, you are giving permission for your child to leave school alone. It **MUST NOT** be used to put arrangements in place to allow your child to meet you at the gate, walk to the car or meet you at another classroom door as we are unable to safely 'police' these alternative arrangements. Children are either handed over to a named adult or allowed to leave our care at home time.

Smoking at the School Gates

We have received several complaints about smoking at the school gates. Can we please, please, politely request that you refrain from smoking in areas where others are congregating to drop off and collect children. Please be considerate to others and allow non-smoking adults and our little ones to wait and pass through our school gates without having to walk through cigarette smoke. Thank you for your support.

REMINDER Calendar of Events – Autumn 2020 Update

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

Date	Event	Information
Friday 23 rd October	Non – Uniform Day	Children can donate £1 to come to school dressed in Non-Uniform. A percentage of donations go to NHS Charities Together
Friday 23 rd October	Last day of Autumn 1 st Half Term	
Monday 26 th October to Friday 30 th October	Half Term Holiday	
Monday 2 nd November	School closed for Staff Professional Development	
Tuesday 3 rd November	School closed for Staff Professional Development	
Wednesday 4 th November	School Re-opens for Teaching/Children welcomed back to school	
Wednesday 25 th November	Children will have their INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN ONLY. There will be no family or sibling photographs.	
Mon 30 th November	Flu Vaccinations	All Classes but NOT Nursery
Week beginning 7 th December	Assessment week – Years 1 - 6	Please make sure children come to school on time and have eaten a good breakfast.
Friday 4 th December	School closed for Staff Professional Development	
Monday 14 th 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 th 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 th December	Christmas Singalong in school Infants	Children can come into school in Christmas Jumpers. A recording will be uploaded to Facebook/Website
Wednesday 16 th 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 th 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 th 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 th December	Last day of Autumn Term	
Monday 21 st December to Friday 1 st January	Christmas Holidays	
Monday 4 th January	School Re-opens for Teaching/Children welcomed back to school	

We appreciate that times are hard for our school community. We are here to support you as much as possible, Please remember that **'Every day may not be good, but there is something good in every day!'**
Have a good weekend everyone.

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