



# DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## LEARN, ACHIEVE, INSPIRE

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

It's been another very interesting and busy week at DLPS. We are all getting used to new rules and routines. We think the 'One-Way System' is now working more effectively for everyone. We appreciate our school has large grounds, but we know you will understand that these measures have been put into place to reduce the congestion, and provide a COVID-19 safe environment at DLPS. Thank you for your support, we really appreciate it.

### Parent & Carer Conversations

Next week your child's class teacher will be contacting you via telephone to let you know how your child has settled into their new class and year group. Teachers will also update you on your child's general well-being. Phone calls will be made to parents from 3.45pm onwards starting on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October. All phone calls will be made across the week up to and including Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October. If you are not able to take the call, teachers will try and get in touch on an alternative day next week. Please understand that the call may come from a withheld number, if you are unable to receive a call next week, please email the school office and we will organise an alternative time and date for you to have contact with your child's class teacher. Thank you.

### 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](mailto:delveslaneprimary@durhamlearning.net) Thank you!

### Water Bottles

Every child should bring their own, named, bottle of water to be kept in the classroom. Children will use this throughout the day including at LUNCHTIMES. At the end of each day, water bottles must be taken home and cleaned with an anti-bacterial solution. Thank you.

### Walk to School Week

We would like to say a big thank you to all our families who have taken part in 'Walk to School Week' this week. We have had a fantastic number of children walking to school. Our pupils have all pledged to continue to walk to school when they can as they have understood the benefits. Thank you again for participating in this event.

### 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. Please contact the main school



office if you would like to contact your child's class teacher or are having difficulties logging in to Google Classroom. The link below provides very helpful tutorials on how to access Google Classroom:

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

### **Tapestry – For Parents & Carers of our 2-Year-Olds, Nursery, Class 1 & 2**

The Early Years team have signed up for the online learning journal, Tapestry. This digital platform gives parents and carers the opportunity to share their child's learning, communicate with their class teachers and receive regular updates, reminders, notifications and important information all in one place.

During the coming week, parents/carers will receive an email notification to the email address you registered with school which will contain an activation link so you can create your own password. Keep an eye out in your junk folder in case it arrives there!

Tapestry is available through a browser and an app which is accessible on Android and Apple devices. Currently, the app is ONLY able to show observations of children so don't forget to check on the browser for all the amazing things that will be shared with you, including any important memos!

More detailed information on how to use the online platform will be shared in the coming weeks, as well as a user guide! Please can we have an up to date email address for parents & carers of children in our Early Years classes. Thank you.

### **Derwentside Virtual Cross-Country Competition – Classes 5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13 & 14**

We are very excited to announce that throughout the coming week our classes listed above, will be taking part in Derwentside's very first virtual cross-country competition against pupils from other local schools across the Derwentside area. The children will be running a set course on site as part of their PE lessons so will need to remember their PE kits. Let's go Team Delves!

### **PE Days**

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.

<b>Class</b>	<b>PE Day</b>
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

### **Drop-off & Collection Times**

The current drop-off and collection times will remain in force for the foreseeable future. Please can we remind parents and carers to arrive at the times stated below, thank you.

<b>Year Groups</b>	<b>School Start Time</b>	<b>End/Collection Time</b>
<b>Nursery AM</b>	8.45am	11.45am
<b>Nursery PM</b>	12.15pm	3.05pm
<b>Reception (Class 1 &amp; 2)</b>	8.45am	3.05pm
<b>Year 1 &amp; 2 (Classes 3,4,5,6)</b>	8.55am	3.15pm
<b>Year 3 &amp; 4 (Classes 7,8,9,10)</b>	8.45am	3.05pm
<b>Year 5 &amp; 6 ((Classes 11,12,13 14)</b>	8.35am	2.55pm
<b>Families with siblings in Classes 11,12,13,14</b>	8.35am	Normal collection time for each child
<b>Families with siblings in ALL other classes (Nursery, C1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10)</b>	8.45am	Normal collection time for each child

## 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>

## REMINDER 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](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 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.

## Attendance & Punctuality

Please can we remind parents and carers to contact school by telephone or email on EVERY DAY that your child is absent from school. We also need to ensure that children arrive on time for school every day.

Please can we ask parents and carers to make non-urgent appointments, e.g. opticians, etc. for your child after school. Thank you.

## Parent Survey – Remote Education

Thank you for your responses, we had 96 in total. This gives school a good indication of how families have managed remote education over the lockdown period and how school can plan should further restrictions be put into place.

**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

On Monday, we will have collection points around our one-way-system where you can drop off food bank donations for Glenroyd House in Consett.

Our local foodbank are in need of:

- ✓ LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE
- ✓ PACKETS OF INSTANT MASH/TINNED POTATOES
- ✓ TINNED TOMATOES

We know that any tinned food donations will be gratefully received. Thank you!

Consett Food Bank at Glenroyd House, Medomsley Road, Consett is open on Monday to Friday each week from 10am to 12pm each day.

### Breakfast Club & After School Childcare

Places must be pre-booked and pre-paid. Children can be dropped off between 7.50am and 8.00am ONLY for Breakfast Club. **When collecting your child from Childcare, you will not be able to access the entrance area if you are not wearing a face covering.** Please contact the school office during office hours Monday to Friday (7.50am to 3.30pm) should you wish to pre-book a place. Thank you.

### **Mighty Metals – Year 3 – Classes 7 & 8 - request for items**

In Year 3, we have an upcoming construction project linked to our Mighty Metals topic. Please could parents collect and send in the following: cereal boxes, smaller boxes and empty pop cans (330ml is best) by Monday 19th October. This will allow us to quarantine all materials before use with your children.

All contributions will be gratefully received.

### 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
Week beginning Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Hot School Meals start in the Junior School	Classes 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 are able to have hot meals along with all the infant children. These must be pre-selected. Contact the school office for more information.
Week beginning Monday 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 Monday 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 - Red	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	

Please remember that if there is anything at all that you would like to talk about, or that concerns you, please do not hesitate to contact school. We are here to help and will get back to you as soon as possible.

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