



DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

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We must start by wishing our families all the very best for 2021. We understand that the beginning of the Spring term has raised many challenges, but we are going to remain upbeat. We have been so impressed with how you are all engaging with our Remote Learning. We have been checking in to Tapestry and Google Classroom and there has been lots of activity, thank you and well done!

We think it's very important that whilst times are hard for lots of us right now, we must try to keep positive. We are in a very different position to the March lockdown, we now have several vaccines available, and the most vulnerable in our society are being prioritised, which is fantastic news. There is hope as we go through 2021. Times will be challenging for everyone over the next few weeks, but we will get through this, and our fabulous team at DLPS are here to support you as much as we can.

Remote Learning

We know that having your children at home whilst trying to work, or managing other commitments will be tricky. You can only do what you can. We know you are all trying your best but please do not feel guilty. Do what you can, when you can – you are doing an amazing job!

The most important thing is the emotional well-being of your child. We have been given additional funding for catch-up interventions for any children who needed additional support following the Spring lockdown in 2020 and we expect that there will be even more funding coming into schools, following this lockdown period. If your child needs to 'catch up' on their return, there will be interventions and additional teaching support so do not worry – just do your best, be there for your child and try your best to be as positive as possible, your children need you now more than ever!



Team DLPS

We are sure you agree, that our staff have worked incredibly hard to get our Remote Learning up and running as soon as we could. They have spent many hours working hard with new technology, and I am incredibly proud of them all. We would also like to thank Mr Jones and Mrs Randell for giving so much technical support to staff, children and families.

We appreciate that recordings may include the odd mistakes, but none of us is perfect.

All the staff at DLPS, have had to find new ways of working, managing new tasks at very short notice.

We would not be the successful school we are without all our staff – admin staff, cleaning and caretaking team, lunchtime supervisors, teaching assistants and teachers – THANK YOU!

I am extremely grateful to work with such a hard-working and committed team!



Children of Critical Workers & Vulnerable Pupils

We have been so impressed with our children who are attending school. They are being extremely sensible in their bubbles and are being a great help to each other. Well done children, we are extremely proud of you.

Parents & Carers, can you please remember to wear a face covering or mask when you drop off and collect your child, thank you.

Mask/Face Coverings

We have updated our risk assessment, and you will notice that staff are all wearing masks or face coverings when they are outdoors or in communal areas at school. A number of staff are also wearing them in the classrooms.

Our admin team are also busy distributing work packs, laptops, data SIM cards, etc. **If you are coming to collect resources from the school gate, we must request that you wear a face covering or mask to not only protect yourself but others around you.** Thank you for helping to keep everyone safe.

Paper Work Packs

Parents and carers are requesting large numbers of paper work packs. These are the same resources that we have on Tapestry and Google Classroom. If you have access to technology and can logon, then all work can be recorded on paper.

If you do require a paper pack, because you don't have access to technology, then we will always make these available. THE BEST WAY TO REQUEST A PAPER PACK OF RESOURCES is to email your child's teacher.

Each teacher has a school email address so you can contact them personally about work packs. If you do not your child's teacher's email address please contact us at delveslaneprimary@durhamlearning.net for those details.

In addition to our weekly work packs, we will be sending out - These will have text or work books for Maths, Grammar and Handwriting. We will also include an exercise book and some stationery. All work set on Tapestry and Google Classroom can be completed in your exercise books.

Please keep an eye out for more information about collection of these packs from next week.

Live Well-being Sessions

Next week each year group will be hosting a live wellbeing session with their classes. These sessions will be for around 20 minutes or so.

Year Group	Date & Time of Meet	Meeting Information
Nursery (Miss Forbes & Mrs Clark)	Tuesday 19 th January at 2:00pm	Zoom Meeting. Details will be available on Tapestry of how to join.
Reception – Classes 1 & 2 (Mrs Randell, Mrs Moody, Miss Taylor, Mrs Randell and Mrs Burge)	Thursday 21 st January at 1.15pm	Zoom Meeting. Details will be available on Tapestry of how to join.
Year 1- Classes 3 & 4 (Miss Hedge, Mrs Burnett and Miss Kirkbride)	Thursday 21 st January at 11.00am	Meeting details will be on Google Classroom
Year 2 – Classes 5 & 6 (Mrs Shaw, Mrs Winskill and Miss Kelly)	Friday 22 nd January at 10.30am	Meeting details will be on Google Classroom
Year 3 – Classes 7 & 8 (Mr Jones, Miss Smith and Mrs Bridgewater)	Monday 18 th January at 2.00pm	Meeting details will be on Google Classroom
Year 4 – Classes 9 & 10 (Mrs Stevens, Mrs Schenker, Mrs Crompton and Mrs Teneur)	Wednesday 20 th January at 2:00pm	Meeting details will be on Google Classroom
Year 5 – Classes 11 & 12 (Miss Jones, Mrs Dunn and Mr McMeiken)	Thursday 21 st January at 2.00pm	Meeting details will be on Google Classroom
Year 6 - Classes 13 & 14 (Mr Turnbull and Mrs Donnelly)	Friday 22 nd January at 9.45am	Meeting details will be on Google Classroom

*Please email us at delveslaneprimary@durhamlearning.net if you require the meeting links. Thank you.

More important details are attached regarding our expectations of children, parents and staff when attending live meetings.

Families eligible for Benefit Related Free School Meals

Families who have children at home, will be eligible for benefit related free school meal vouchers next week. We will be in touch with more information.

Those children who are eligible for benefit related free school meals, but are attending school every day, will not be eligible for vouchers. Those children will have their lunch provided by school every day. Please let us know if you have updated your email address recently. Please send your updated email at delveslaneprimary@durhamlearning.net

Thank you.

Parents & Carers ZOOM Meetings

We are hoping to share our live ZOOM meetings with parents as soon as we can next week. Thankyou to so many of you for attending.

More information about our Remote Education will be available on our website next week.

We are thinking of you all during this lockdown. Please reach out to us if we can offer support and we will do our best to help.

Stay safe and take care.

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Mrs B Woods

Head Teacher