



# DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## LEARN, ACHIEVE, INSPIRE

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted with the fantastic news that **all** children will return to DLPS on 8th March. Our children and families have all tried their best to engage with remote learning, but we can't wait to see everyone back at school. We have really missed our children, and I am sure they have missed all their friends and teachers!

We would like to explain our arrangements in the same way we did in the Autumn term last year.

Parents and carers will be able to come onto site at the beginning and end of each day to drop off and collect children. We are still in the midst of a pandemic, and we will have COVID-19 measures in place.

### COVID-19 Measures for DLPS

- **Children with ONE parent** will be able to come onto site and follow the one-way system to drop off and collect their child/children. Please enter the site via the small pedestrian gate.
- **Parents and Carers need to wear a Face Covering/Face Mask when they come onto site.** This is because we cannot always socially distance from others.
- **All staff** will be wearing face coverings outdoors and in communal areas to keep everyone safe. Staff may also wear face coverings/mask in class.
- Parents and Carers must telephone school with any queries. Teachers will be busy settling children back into school each day.
- Staff take part in twice weekly COVID testing.
- Everyone should remember to socially distance from other families as much as possible.
- Children WILL NOT will not need to wear face coverings in school
- The main school gates will close at 8.15am each morning to secure the car park. We will open one of the main gates at 8.35am as this will be the pedestrian exit.

### Drop off and collection Times

Children must be dropped off and collected at the times below. **Times haven't changed since the Autumn Term.**

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



## PE Arrangements

From Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March, children can wear their PE kits to school on the days they have PE lessons. Please see the table below for the day your child should wear their PE kit.

Class	PE Day
Nursery AM	Friday
Nursery PM	Friday
Class 1	Thursday
Class 2	Thursday
Class 3	Tuesday
Class 4	Tuesday
Class 5	Monday & Wednesday
Class 6	Monday & Wednesday
Class 7	Wednesday
Class 8	Wednesday
Class 9	Thursday
Class 10	Thursday
Class 11	Tuesday
Class 12	Tuesday
Class 13	Monday
Class 14	Monday

The appropriate school PE kit is the same for both boys and girls and is available to be purchased from the following website: <https://sandnworkwear.co.uk/school-wear/Delves%20Lane>

Cold weather PE kits can be worn in the colder months.

Appropriate PE kit includes:

- Plain sky-blue or white t-shirt
- Plain navy-blue shorts.
- All black plimsolls or appropriate sports footwear.
- Plain navy-blue hoody – cold weather only.
- Plain navy-blue jogging bottoms – cold weather only.

We understand that children might not have the correct kit for school when they return, and we will understand if they are not wearing the correct PE items at this time. We understand that families will not be able to get to the shops at the moment, and children grow very quickly!

## Children's Uniform

When children return, we expect them to wear school uniform. If your child's school uniform still fits, then we expect them to wear it. If they have outgrown it, we will understand and will relax the rules in those circumstances, until non-essential shops re-open. Thank you.

## Entering and Leaving School

It is very important that when you have dropped off your child at school, you leave the site as quickly as possible. Groups must not congregate outside the school gates. This is to keep everyone safe. Thank you.

## Risk Assessment

We are awaiting a revised Risk Assessment from the Local Authority which I will update with measures we have in place at Delves Lane Primary School. I will let you know when this will be published on our website.

## Returning to School

If your child seems anxious about coming back to school, try to talk to them as frequently as possible about school. Discuss fun memories and stories they will have of their teacher and friends. This will jog their memories and help your child to get enthusiastic about coming back into school. If parents and carers have any concerns about their child's return, please email us at [delveslaneprimary@durhamlearning.net](mailto:delveslaneprimary@durhamlearning.net) and we will get in touch to discuss your concerns.

### Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club opens again on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Places must be pre-booked and pre-paid. **Children can be dropped off between 7.50am and 8.00am ONLY.** Children MUST be dropped off at the main pedestrian gate. Our Breakfast Club supervisors will escort children into school. Parents and Carers MUST NOT drive into the school car park for health and safety reasons. We will not be able to accommodate anyone who arrives after this time. Sessions are £2 per child. To book a place, we must be informed in advance. Please email [clubbookings@delveslane.co.uk](mailto:clubbookings@delveslane.co.uk) Thank you.

### After School Childcare

We open our After School Childcare on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Sessions run from after school until 5.30pm. Places must be pre-booked and pre-paid. Please email [clubbookings@delveslane.co.uk](mailto:clubbookings@delveslane.co.uk) Sessions are £7 per child. Thank you.

### Water Bottles

Please remember to send your child with a water bottles every day. It is really important that these are cleaned at home and are sent in every day please! Thank you.

### School Meals

School meals will restart on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March when school reopens. If your child would like to change from school meals to packed lunch or vice versa, please let us know by contacting the school office. The menu remains the same as last term and the week school opens is WEEK 3. Please click on this link: <https://bit.ly/2NH6XZJ> to take you to the menus. Children in Reception and Year 1 will have meals in the main hall at separate times. Children in Years 2 to 6 will their have lunch in class.

## WORLD BOOK DAY ANNOUNCEMENT!



World Book Day is on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March (next week). To celebrate we are planning a week of fun activities for the children to take part in at home and at school.

1. We are really excited to announce we have a virtual visit from a real-life published author!!!! Sarah Oliver is a researcher, journalist and author who writes non-fiction texts about celebrities. Watch out for your child's class teacher who will be posting videos to Google Classroom and Tapestry.
2. We are inviting ALL of our school community to join in with the "*Extreme Reading*" Challenge. Take a photo of yourself reading in the most unusual place and post to Google Classroom and Tapestry. We have posted some pictures on Facebook to give you some ideas! There are prizes waiting in school for the silliest pictures. 😊
3. **Next Friday will be a SCREEN FREE FRIDAY!!!!** That's Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March! Take a final break from those devices and make a model or picture of your favourite character or scene from a book and post to Google Classroom or Tapestry. Use anything you have at home: Lego, junk modelling or food; the list is endless. Be as creative possible as there are plenty of prizes up for grabs when children return to school.

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE PHOTOS OF YOUR EXTREME READING AND CREATIVE MODELS



### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March

It is Screen Free Friday next week on the 5<sup>th</sup> March. Teachers will not be available to answer emails or access Google Classroom or Tapestry. This is because they will be busy preparing classrooms and resources for your child's return to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you.

## Music News

YUMU is a safe online space where children can go to learn, explore and develop their musical skills.

<https://www.DurhamOnlineMusic.co.uk/yumu>

Your class teacher will email you your child's login and password details to you on Monday. YUMU is a lovely way to extend your child's learning with instrumental and singing self-study materials through the Music at Home packages. Teachers will ask at different times for you to complete lessons via your assignment. You will also have the chance to explore the Music World. Here you can choose an avatar and click on a world and follow the steps to unlock other areas of that world.

Explore! Play and Enjoy! Thank you from Miss Hedge.

## Star of the Week

This week we have hosted our first Star of the Week Assembly for the second half of Spring Term with our nominated children on a ZOOM call. This week our stars are:

Name	Class	Reason
Poppy	NAM	Engaging every day in online work & doing it with a lovely smile
Connor	1	Fantastic behaviour and being a brilliant role model to his friends
Andrew	2	Helping his Dad fix up bikes to give to children who need them
Ava	3	Fantastic effort improving her reading
Miles	4	Fantastic effort during home learning
Sophie	5	Completing some fabulous work with a positive attitude and determination
Eve	6	Amazing work that is beautifully presented
Igor	7	Completing all tasks and joining in with all activities!
Nicole	8	Completing work on Google Classrooms every day
Melissa	9	Fantastic attitude to learning. She never gives up!
Brandon	10	Trying his best to work independently
Ava	11	Trying so hard during remote learning
Reece	12	For submitting work every day on Google Classrooms
Jasmine	13	Completing all tasks at home with care and pride
Rafal	14	Positive, can-do attitude towards his work

## Professional Development (Teacher Training Days) for September 2021 to July 2022

The following 5 days have been identified for teacher training for 2021/2022. School will NOT be open to children on the following days:

- Wednesday 1st September 2021
- Thursday 2nd September 2021
- Monday 1st November 2021
- Friday 3rd December 2021
- Tuesday 4th January 2022

More information regarding the dates of the school holidays can be found on our website. Please click the link <https://bit.ly/3aVtJ8S>



### February 2021 Birthdays

This month the following children have had a birthday!  
Happy Birthday to you!!!

NAME	CLASS
Thomas	Nursery
Kaia	Class 2
Jordi	Class 2
Lily	Class 3
Ryan	Class 3
Scarlett	Class 3
Callie	Class 4
Faith	Class 4
Oliver	Class 8
Zoe	Class 8
Martyna	Class 8
Billyray	Class 9
Jakub	Class 9
Alfie	Class 10
James	Class 10
Lucie	Class 10
Macey	Class 11
Madeline	Class 11
Leah	Class 11
Ellie	Class 11
Oscar	Class 12
Caitlin	Class 12
Reece	Class 12
Bailey	Class 13
Rafal	Class 14
Sarah	Class 14
Abbie	Class 14

There is a lot of important information in this week's newsletter. Please take the time to read through it carefully and get in touch with us via telephone or email with any queries you may have.

Thank you as ever for all your kind words of support during such a difficult time for us all. Just one more week, and we will see all our children and families again.

Have a lovely weekend.

*B Woods*

Mrs Woods  
Headteacher