



## DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope all our families had a lovely Summer holiday, and managed to spend some precious time with family and friends.

After eighteen months of all living through the pandemic, we are now planning to return to some normality in school this term. You will be aware that national restrictions have gradually lifted, however, we have chosen to return to school with some caution while we assess how the return impacts on the health and safety of our whole school community. No one can be certain about the situation regarding how COVID will affect life in school this term.

### COVID Procedures for Autumn Term

- School will open without the need for Year Group bubbles, but we will remain vigilant
- We will reintroduce Key Stage Assemblies for Key Stage One (Years 1 & 2), Lower Key Stage Two (Years 3 & 4) and Upper Key Stage Two (Years 5 & 6). Celebration Assemblies will follow as soon as possible.
- Children will eat lunches in classrooms initially in Key Stage Two (Years 3 to 6) and we will review this as the term progresses
- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will eat their lunch in the infant hall
- Children will continue to come into school at staggered times from 8.35am onwards. The gate will promptly close at 9am each day. A reminder of the times for drop off and collection is included below.
- We will continue with the one-way system to help reduce congestion
- Children with COVID Symptoms will not be able to attend school. Parents must book a PCR test. If the PCR is negative, children can return to school
- School is no longer responsible for contacting close contacts of a positive case. This is done by NHS Test and Trace with support from the family of a child who has tested positive.
- Parents and Carers do not need to wear face coverings when dropping off and collecting their child.
- Parents or Carers **MUST** wear masks to enter the school building
- From the 16th August 2021, pupils under the age of 18 years old will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case
- Pupils identified as close contacts will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace and advised to take a PCR test
- Pupils identified as close contact will not need to self-isolate while they are awaiting their test results - if they don't have any symptoms
- Any pupil who has previously received a positive COVID-19 PCR test result should not be re-tested within 90 days of that test, unless they develop any new symptoms of COVID-19
- Primary children not advised to take an LFD test
- Primary School age pupils presenting with symptoms of COVID-19 must have a PCR test
- Where an outbreak is identified it may be necessary to reintroduce Class or Year Group bubbles and restrict movement around the building
- Frequent cleaning procedures to continue
- Hand hygiene routines in place
- Pupils who experience COVID-19 symptoms are to be collected from school as soon as possible. They will be kept 2metres apart from all other pupils and staff whilst on site, where possible
- Pupils who test positive for COVID 19 must self-isolate for 10 days
- All occupied areas within the school will be ventilated throughout the school day



## New School Year

As children return to school, we are aware that some may be anxious and it will take time for them all to settle and get into their new routine. We will all be prepared for that and our staff are obviously very experienced in adapting their teaching to meet the needs of all our children.

Dates for your Diary – September 2021	
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2021	Professional Development Day (Teacher Training)
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2021	School Opens for all children – Nursery to Year 6
Week One	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Children in Reception attend from 8.50am to 1pm
Week Two	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Children in Reception attend all day from 8.50am to 3.05pm

## REMINDER Class NAMES

New Class details are below:

Class	Year	Teacher
SAPLINGS	Nursery AM	Miss K Taylor
SEEDLINGS	Nursery PM	Mrs K Moody
CHERRY	Reception	Mrs A Randell
HAZEL	Year 1	Miss G Forbes
HAWTHORN	Year 1	Miss H Kirkbride
MAPLE	Year 2	Miss V Kelly
JUNIPER	Year 2	Mrs A Schenker/Mrs L Stevens
WILLOW	Year 3	Mrs L Crompton
POPLAR	Year 3	Mr N Jones
BIRCH	Year 4	Mr A McMeiken
ELM	Year 4	Miss K Hedge
PINE	Year 5	Miss E Jones
ASH	Year 5	Miss A Smith
BEECH	Year 6	Mr C Turnbull
OAK	Year 6	Mrs M Donnelly

## Staggered Drop Off and Collection Times

<u>Year Groups</u>	<u>School Start Time</u>	<u>End/Collection Time</u>
Nursery AM Saplings	8.45am	11.45am
Nursery PM Seedlings	12.15pm	3.05pm
Reception - Cherry	8.45am	3.05pm
Year 1 & 2 – Hazel, Hawthorn, Maple, Juniper	8.55am	3.15pm
Year 3 & 4 – Willow, Poplar, Birch, Elm	8.45am	3.05pm
Year 5 & 6 – Pine, Ash, Beech, Oak	8.35am	2.55pm
Families with Siblings in Pine, Ash, Beech, Oak	8.35am	See class times
Families with Siblings in all other classes	8.45am	See class times

### **Breakfast Club and After School Childcare Club**

Breakfast Club and After School Childcare will be open again from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September. Parents and Carers MUST pre-book and pre-pay for this provision. Parents can email or telephone school to book a place.

Children can arrive at the main school gate between 7.50 and 8am each day for Breakfast Club. Mrs Testo or Mrs Shield will meet children at the gate each day. After School Childcare is available Monday to Thursday each week between 3.15pm and 5.30pm.

The cost of Breakfast Club is £2 per day and After School Childcare is £7 per day. Thank you.

### **After School Activity Clubs**

These will begin again from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September. More details to follow.

### **Uniform**

A reminder that uniform is a pale blue polo shirt or blouse, a blue jumper or cardigan, black, navy blue or grey trousers or skirt or a blue checked dress. This can be with or without school logos. All footwear is to be plain black shoes or plain black trainers. Uniform can be ordered from

<https://sandnworkwear.co.uk/Delves%20Lane>

### **PE Kits**

Children will continue to wear their PE kit to school on PE Days. Children can wear navy shorts, plain light blue T-shirt, a pair of Plimsolls/trainers – elasticated ones are essential for younger children. Navy or black tracksuit bottoms can be worn for outdoor lessons in cold weather.

### **PE Days**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Classes</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Juniper and Maple (Year 2) Birch and Elm (Year 4) Beech and Oak (Year 6) Swimming starts from 13 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>Tuesday</b>	Cherry (Reception) and Juniper (Year 2) Pine and Ash (Year 5)
<b>Wednesday</b>	Hazel and Hawthorn (Year 1) Willow and Poplar (Year 3)
<b>Thursday</b>	Maple (Year 2) Beech and Oak (Year 6)
<b>Friday</b>	Saplings and Seedlings (Nursery)

### **Appointments**

All routine medical appointments, unless an emergency or exceptional circumstance, should be made for your child outside of the school day. If they are made during the school day, you must provide a copy of the appointment details. Thank you.

### **Emergency contact information**

If you have moved house, changed your contact number/email address, or your listed contacts change, please forward this information to our Admin Team this week. If you are a family who require two sets of important information, you must inform us of this. If you are a parent who does not live with your child, we can post or email important information to your address, i.e. school reports/newsletters.

We will be collecting this information from all our families this month via a school survey.

### **Water bottles**

Children must bring a school water bottle to school every day. Additional water bottles can be bought from our main school office for £1.

We hope this information is helpful. If you have any queries, please email or telephone our school office. We are here to help in any we can.

*R Woods*

Mrs R Woods  
**Head Teacher**