



DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Sunday 17th May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope all our families are well and staying safe. School is a very quiet place, we really miss all of our wonderful children who bring the buildings alive!

Home Learning Timetables/Packs of Work

We hope you are finding the timetables helpful. This week's timetables will be published by 8am tomorrow morning on our website. Here is a link. <http://www.delveslaneprimary.durham.sch.uk/covid-19-home-learning-resources/> If your child does not have access to a computer, laptop or tablet, we will continue to offer packs of work. If you would like a pack of work for your child, please contact the school by phone or email us at delveslaneprimary@durhamlearning.net

Wider opening of school

You will of no doubt seen in the media as well as government briefings that schools should start to open to more children than the current emergency childcare that we offer to key worker children and vulnerable pupils. In the coming days, we will be sending surveys to Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 parents & carers to gather your feedback. This will help guide our planning process. We will be able to give more clarification when we have received clear guidelines, robust risk assessments and a supportive plan from both the government and our local authority in terms of safely opening our site to increasing numbers of children. Please understand that NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE ABOUT WHICH CHILDREN OR YEAR GROUPS WILL ACCESS SCHOOL NEXT MONTH, if and when it is safe to do so. If you have any questions about this, please contact us by phone or email at delveslaneprimary@durhamlearning.net I would just like to reassure you, that we will continue to communicate openly with you at every stage about this.

Half Term Holiday – 25th May to 29th May 2020

School will be closed to all pupils over the half term holiday. Thank you.

Year 6 Statutory Tests (SATS)

We know that our children had worked hard in the Autumn and Spring term in preparation for their SATS tests which were due to take place last week. We hope to be able to liaise with their secondary schools and offer some transition, even if it might be virtual, to help settle their nerves about moving on. Please get in touch if you would like us to pass on any questions or queries your child might have about their transition to secondary school. Thank you.

School Facebook Page and Website - REMINDER

We continue to post things that you might find interesting or supportive on our Facebook page as suggestions and ideas. This is because we want to make sure we are offering parents as much support as we can. Thank you for all the wonderful photos, please keep them coming!

We all want the very best for our children, our staff, our families and the whole school community. We take the safety of everyone extremely seriously and will make sure that you are kept informed every step of the way regarding school opening to more pupils.

It's Mental Health Awareness Week, starting tomorrow (18th to 25th May).

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/mental-health-awareness-week> Their main theme this year is kindness. Can we say thank you to all our families for the kindness you have shown to us all at this difficult time.

Stay safe and look after your families.

R Woods

Mrs Woods
Headteacher