



DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you all managed to make the most of the fantastic weather with your children over the half term holiday last week. It certainly seems like a long distant memory now!

Home-Schooling

We know that things might be quite challenging for you at the moment. Some parents and carers are returning to work which will no doubt bring about times of change. Others may well be worried about jobs, whilst many parents will still be struggling with working from home and trying to home-school. These are certainly very uncertain times for us all for many reasons.

During this difficult time, please continue to reassure your children that we are missing them, we are still here for them and we do think about them all every day! Please also try to remain as calm as possible over home-schooling. You know your child better than anyone. If they are becoming stressed or anxious, our advice has always been to just put the work on hold - academic ability is only one aspect of a child, we must all nurture their talents and interests to help them grown into well rounded individuals.

We will be uploading our Home Learning Timetables to our school website by 8am tomorrow morning. We will also be able to provide home learning packs, if required. Please keep sending in your lovely home school activities, whether they are learning experiences or new life skills, we love to see them!

Google Classroom

Google Classrooms will be coming soon to DLPS! Google Classroom is a resource to assist children both in the classroom and at home. Teachers can use Google Classroom to send announcements to entire classes, share resources, notes, PowerPoints, diagrams, and homework. Pupils can use it to access work covered in school or at home and complete homework. Parents can use some of the features of Google Classroom to help engage with and support pupils in their home learning. It is a free resource that can be accessed from any device connected to the internet - laptops, desktop computers, Chromebooks, tablets or mobile phones. We will write to you soon giving you more details about Google Classroom, but we wanted to let you know that this will be a great platform for you to communicate directly with your child's class teacher.

Teacher Phone Calls

This week, all our teachers will be checking in with their class families. They have a few things to ask you, and will update you on some important things such as school reports and transition.

It's a great opportunity for you to share any family news, for teachers to speak to their pupils and hopefully answer any queries you may have. Some teachers may phone you from outside school, if you see a withheld number, please understand that this might be school trying to get through!

Gradual Wider Re-Opening of Schools to Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 Children

At the moment, we are very busy preparing the school for gradual re-opening. It is quite a challenge just to keep on top of the ever-changing guidance that is being published. We just want to reassure you all that when we do open, we will have prepared everything to the very best of our ability to ensure that your children and all members of the school community are kept as safe as possible.

We have a Governor's meeting on the afternoon of Thursday 11th June. We will write to you following this meeting with news about gradual wider re-opening. Thank you for your patience.

Risk Assessment

We are working through the risk assessment, and due to continued updates, this is being constantly updated. When we send out a letter regarding wider re-opening, we will also include a parent friendly risk assessment, information about class bubbles (groups) and a frequently asked questions document for your information.

School Uniform Orders

We will be writing to you before the end of this week with an update on how to order school uniform online!

Finally, school is not the same without all of our fantastic children. It is a quiet place! We miss all our lovely pupils and hope to see you all again as soon as we can!

Stay safe and keep well!

Mrs Woods
Headteacher