



# DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## LEARN, ACHIEVE, INSPIRE

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

It is the last week of Remote Learning, and we would like to say a huge thank you to all our children and families for engaging as much as you can. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our staff for their incredible hard work over the last few weeks, from providing home learning, to making calls to families, to teaching and supervising our children in school, to managing the office in school, to keeping our school clean and sorting lots of resources out across the school. I am very proud of Team DLPS!

### World Book Day

We have had a bit of a subdued World Book Day this year. We have missed seeing the children come into school dressed as a word or a favourite character. However, we know there are many good times ahead and we will enjoy a more normal World Book Day once again!

To celebrate World Book Day, we have been able to offer a truly amazing experience as the children had the opportunity to remotely work with a real-life author, Sarah Oliver. Children were able to meet Sarah and listen to her read her own stories and learn how she plans and writes her books.

Children and staff have been sending in photos of themselves taking part in some "Extreme Reading". We will use the photos for a huge reading display we are planning for when we return to school. If your child would like to take part, there is still time. Simply take a photo of them reading in a weird/extreme place and email it to your child's class teacher or post to Tapestry or Google classroom.

### Lateral Flow Testing for households and bubbles of school children

NHS Test and Trace announced earlier this week, that all adults in households with school age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing.

The link below explains how to get a rapid flow test to take at home, twice weekly. The link below can be accessed through employers (if they offer testing), through collection from a local site (the link enables you to search for your nearest site), or through home delivery.

[https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff?fbclid=IwAR2oMOt-ifPtV\\_zIF-8MiPV0gdEp\\_PyZ\\_aley7oqVxe\\_SnpOjFkFEHyUWs](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff?fbclid=IwAR2oMOt-ifPtV_zIF-8MiPV0gdEp_PyZ_aley7oqVxe_SnpOjFkFEHyUWs)

### Staggered Drop off and collection Times for Children

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	See class times
Families with Siblings in Classes Nursery, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	8.45am	See class times



## COVID Measures at DLPS

- Children will be in Year Group Bubbles
- There are staggered times for the beginning and end of the school day
- Separate bubble play and lunchtimes
- Additional cleaning
- Staff testing twice weekly
- Ventilation throughout school
- Separate entrances and exits for children
- Use of walkie talkies to communicate with our team
- Staff wearing face coverings indoors in communal areas and outdoors when they cannot socially distance from other adults

## Parents & Carers Support

We need your full support as children return to school, to ensure the safety of our pupils and staff.

1. DO NOT bring your children to school if anyone in your household has COVID symptoms.
2. Please enter and leave the site quickly, we need to keep the one-way system flowing, and not have parents conversing in groups.
3. Please understand that staff will be very busy settling children back into school. They will not have time to chat at length. If you have any queries, speak to Mrs Woods or Miss Webb at the gate, email us at school ([delveslaneprimary@durhamlearning.net](mailto:delveslaneprimary@durhamlearning.net)) or give us a call
4. Children must bring a water bottle to school every day
5. ONE parent to bring their child on to site
6. Parents and Carers should wear a Face Mask/Face Covering when entering and exiting the site

## School Meals

Hot lunches available from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Our kitchens will open again on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March, and school will be serving hot meals to children. Children in Reception and Year 1 will have meals in the main hall at separate times. Children in Years 2 to 6 will have lunch in class. The menu for W/C 8<sup>th</sup> March is WEEK 3 which is available on our website. Please click on this link: <https://www.delveslaneprimary.durham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/17/2020/09/Interim-Menu-after-Lockdown-Delves-Primary.pdf>

## REMINDER 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.

### Warm Clothing

We need to keep some of our classroom windows open for ventilation. Please can you make sure your child is dressed in warm clothes as they return to school. Thank you.

### Laptops

If you have borrowed a laptop from school, this must be returned to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Please do not give it to your child to return. There will be a large box by the pedestrian exit, please pop the laptop in the box. Thank you.

### 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.

## 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:

Congratulations to	In Class	What have they been up to?
Skander	Nursery	'Using fine motor skills to cut and stick'
Oliver	Class 1	'Excellent behaviour and working hard'
Renea	Class 2	'Being a ray of sunshine and making us all smile on our weekly Zoom meetings'
Emmie	Class 3	'Showing excellent understanding in her Maths & Sounds Write'
Lily	Class 4	'Amazing effort during home learning'
Silver	Class 5	'Hard-working attitude towards her work'
Romi	Class 6	'Working hard both in school and at home during lockdown'
Rayana	Class 7	'Trying her hardest with our home learning'
Olly	Class 8	'Working fantastically in school every single day'

Olivia	Class 9	'Completing work to a high standard'
David	Class 10	'Engaging in Google Classrooms and listening to feedback from his teachers'
Nikola	Class 11	'Fabulous remote learning effort'
Owen	Class 12	'Reading and completing quizzes on more books than anybody else in our class'
Kieron	Class 13	'A great attitude to learning at home'
JJ	Class 14	'Excellent behaviour'

### **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

### **Physical Activity**

Below is a link to explain the importance of Physical Health. This highlights just how important Physical Health is to our wellbeing. Please have a look at this important YouTube link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kYPRV-Ynilk>

When children return to school we will be focusing heavily on children's physical and emotional health as part of our curriculum offer. We are busy working behind the scenes to also reintroduce our OPAL provision soon.

Thank you for all your responses to our survey, there was some very valuable feedback. Have a lovely weekend, we will see you all on Monday!

***B Woods***

Mrs Woods

**Headteacher**