



DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Sunday 7th March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

COVID Risk Assessment Updated

We are very much looking forward to welcoming back all our children safely tomorrow. We have an updated Risk Assessment for DLPS. Please click this link to see our latest DLPS RA:

<https://www.delveslaneprimary.durhamDLPS-March-2021-Full-RA-Update.pdf>

We are working hard, following the latest government guidance, to develop and implement ways of operating to ensure we open as safely as possible, focusing on measures that will help limit the risk of coronavirus transmitting within our setting. Some of the precautions we will continue to follow:

- Cleaning our hands more often than usual. We have developed routines to ensure children understand when and how to wash their hands, making sure they wash them thoroughly for at least 20 seconds using running water and soap and dry them thoroughly, or use alcohol hand sanitiser ensuring that all parts of the hands are covered (children do not need to bring their own hand sanitiser to school).
- Minimising contact between staff and pupils within and around the school. Staff will be wearing face coverings in school and have the option to wear them in classrooms.
- Ensuring our children understand good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach and ensuring a good supply of tissues and bins throughout the school.
- Increased and enhanced cleaning and hygiene measures, ensuring surfaces touched by children and staff are cleaned regularly and throughout the day, including table tops, door handles and other shared equipment.
- Staggering playtimes, lunchtimes and pick-up and drop-off times to limit contact between people
- Asking parents to physically distance from each other and from staff when dropping off and collecting their children and to limit drop off and collection to one parent/carer per household and would ask that no additional adults wait outside our school while children are dropped off.
- Parents and Carers to wear a face covering/mask when entering the site

Parents will not be allowed to gather on the playground or enter the school building. You will have to communicate with staff by telephone and call the office to make an appointment with staff. Only one parent or carer is permitted to bring their child to school and collect them at the allocated time below. If your child receives medication, we would ask you to contact the school office to arrange drop off and collection if necessary.

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

Arrangements in school:

Children will be arranged in their class groups/bubbles with their teachers as they were during Autumn term. These year group bubbles will follow a strict timetable for staggering breaks, lunches and play times so that children do not mix.

Returning Equipment

We would kindly ask that if your child has borrowed any devices (laptops) or equipment from school that these are returned on Monday 8th March. Your child will need to take it into class with them – please do not drop anything off at the school office. A box will be at the pedestrian exit gate for you to drop laptops into. Thank you.

LFD Tests

Please be aware that staff at Delves Lane Primary School, along with all primary schools nationally are participating in LFD (Lateral Flow Device) testing. This is part of the government's drive to identify and isolated anyone who could be carrying (and therefore passing on) the covid19 virus, in order to further limit community transmission and drive infection rates down. Parents should be aware that this has the potential for more of our year groups to close if asymptomatic carriers are identified, as they and close contacts will be required to isolate by NHS test and trace. We would ask parents to have an alternative plan for children isolating should a year group bubble be asked to close.

Illness

If a child becomes ill during the school day, we will ask that they are collected immediately by a parent and are taken home. Children who display coronavirus type symptoms or children who live with someone who has coronavirus will not be able to attend school. Isolation and self-isolation rules MUST be followed.

If a child or an adult in their group is confirmed as having the virus, the whole group including the staff working with that group, will be sent home immediately to self-isolate in line with Public Health England advice. Thank you for your understanding.

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 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

REMINDER PE Arrangements

From tomorrow, Monday 8th 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

Children's Uniform

When children return, we expect them to wear school uniform. If you 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.

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

We are looking forward to welcoming our children back tomorrow.

Stay safe and take care,

B Woods

Mrs Woods

Headteacher