



DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 7th January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been lovely to welcome back all our pupils, they have loved seeing their friends and telling us about their Christmas holidays.

After School Activity Clubs – important information!

Unfortunately, due to the rising numbers of COVID cases, we have had to make the difficult decision to delay the restarting of the After-School Activity Clubs. **The clubs will not be running this half term.** We hope to be able to offer them again after the February half-term break. We will update you in the coming weeks.

Reminder Breakfast and After School Childcare

Breakfast Club and After School Childcare have restarted. All sessions must be **pre-booked and pre-paid** via the school office. Bookings can be made via email to clubbookings@delveslane.co.uk

Please be aware that due to rising COVID cases, we may need to cancel these clubs at short notice. We will always give as much notice as possible if we need to close clubs and refund any money owed. Thank you for your understanding.

COVID Update

We would like to thank you all for your support as we return to school. This term we will continue with all COVID measures including enhanced cleaning, hand hygiene, ventilation, and face masks for staff in communal areas. We also have Co2 monitors in every classroom to identify areas of poor ventilation. **Windows will have to be open at times during the day, so we strongly recommend that children wear warm clothing when they return to school on Wednesday.**

COVID 19 Close Contact Information – Updated for January 2022

If your child has been in contact with anyone who has tested positive (including their parents) they can still come to school but should do a Lateral Flow test every day before school for 7 days.

If your child tests positive on a Lateral Flow test you should book them a PCR test if they have COVID symptoms.

If your child has a positive test (Lateral Flow or PCR) you must do a lateral flow test on day 6 and day 7 - if both are negative they can return to school on Day 8. If you do not do the lateral flows they must isolate for the full 10 days.

If you have tested positive and have no-one to bring your child to school, and they are not old enough to walk by themselves, you must get in touch. Remote learning will be offered.

If we have any positive cases who have been in school we will let you know if your child was a close contact. Your child should continue to attend school but do a lateral flow every day for 7 days.

Please get in touch if you require any additional advice. We will be relying on parents and carers being prepared to do lateral flow tests on their child and have a supply of tests at home.

The government advice is that if anyone in school develops COVID-19 symptoms, however mild, they must be sent home and should follow public health advice.

More information can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/step-4-update-what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges>

PE Kits

Children to wear their PE kit to school on PE Days, children must wear winter PE kits, including track suit bottoms and Uniform information is available here <https://www.delveslaneprimary.durham.sch.uk/parents/our-school-uniform/>

Willow Class start their Swimming lessons on Monday 10th January!

Please see days for PE below.

PE Day	Classes
Monday	Hawthorn and Hazel (Year 1) Birch and Elm (Year 4) SWIMMING in Willow Class - Swimming starts from 10th January 2022
Tuesday	Cherry (Reception) and Juniper (Year 2) Pine and Ash (Year 5)
Wednesday	Hazel and Hawthorn (Year 1) Willow and Poplar (Year 3)
Thursday	Maple (Year 2) Beech and Oak (Year 6)
Friday	Saplings and Seedlings (Nursery)

Spare Clothes

Do you have any spare/old clothes at home? We would appreciate any of the following:

Trousers 6/7 years, 7/8 years

Tights 6/7 years, 7/8 years

Jumpers 6/7 years, 7/8 years

Thank you for any items you are able to donate.

Winter Coats & Footwear

As we are in the Winter months, please ensure that your children are wearing warm clothing and a warm winter coat. Hats and gloves are strongly advised at the moment because of the cold weather.

Children will also need spare trainers or wellies to change into, when playing out on our school field. Thank you.

Nursery Lending Library

Our Nursery superstars in the Seedlings and Saplings were very excited to choose a reading book from our Nursery Lending Library to take home today, they are looking forward to snuggling up with their loved ones at home to listen to the stories. They particularly liked getting their own special book bag.

We hope you enjoy the books your little one has chosen, they will get to change their book every Friday in school.



REMINDER Parent Governor Vacancies

Being a governor at DLPS, will help you have a say about your child' education. We are flexible in terms of how much time you have to commit to the role. We are welcoming and friendly Governing Body and have two Parent Governor vacancies. If you would like to help make a valued contribution to the way our school operates then please read the information for prospective parent governors listed below and contact the School Office for application information. If you would like to speak to our Chair of Governors about the role, please contact the school office.

The Role of Governors

As Governors we are not there to manage the day-to-day running of the school – that is the job of the Headteacher. We are there to do three main things:

- (1) To help set the vision and strategic direction of school;
- (2) To hold the Headteacher to account for the school's performance;
- (3) To monitor the curriculum provision and teaching and learning in school.

Another common way of putting the role of governors is to say that our job is to provide a healthy mix of support and challenge.

If you would like to find out more about the role, please contact the school office. We will be able to arrange for you to speak to Mrs McGuigan, our Chair of Governors, who will be able to answer any queries you have.

Thank you for your continued support.

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