



## DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope all our DLPS families have had a lovely Christmas and wish you all a very Happy New Year!

## Breakfast and After School Childcare

Breakfast Club and After School Childcare will re-open again on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022. All sessions must be **pre-booked and pre-paid** via the school office. Bookings can be made via email to

[clubbookings@delveslane.co.uk](mailto: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. Thank you for your understanding.

## COVID Update

As we begin the Spring term, we continue to face uncertain times posed by the pandemic. At DLPS, like all schools, we have had to adapt and respond to new guidance whilst communicating all developments to parents and carers as quickly as possible. We are very grateful to our whole school community for your understanding and support.

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 partially open at times during the day, so we strongly recommend that children wear warm clothing when they return to school tomorrow.**

Our DLPS COVID Outbreak Management Plan is available here: <https://www.delveslaneprimary.durham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/17/2021/12/DLPS-Covid-Outbreak-Management-Plan-Dec-2021.pdf>

This plan explains the staged responses our school will take, if COVID cases continue to rise. This will continue to be our outbreak plan, until we receive updated advice from the government and local authority. At DLPS, we will make decisions in response to government updates, or positive COVID cases and keep you informed at every stage.

## Parent & Carers and Visitors

If you are invited into school to meet with staff or go to the main reception, parents and carers must wear a face covering. Visitors must also have a negative lateral flow test, before attending meetings with staff in school. Thank you.

## 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 try to book them a PCR test. If none are available you should assume it is positive and they should isolate for 10 days from the positive Lateral Flow test (quick test).***

***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 your child is under 5 years old, they don't have to take lateral flow tests and can continue to attend Nursery as normal. If they are a household contact of someone who has tested positive they should have a PCR test.***

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.

Thank you for your continued support.

## Staggered Start/End of Day Times

When we return on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January, please can we remind families to arrive at the times below:

<u>CLASSES</u>	<u>School Start Time</u>	<u>End/Collection Time</u>
<b>SAPLINGS</b>	8.45am	11.45am
<b>SEEDLINGS</b>	12.15pm	3.05pm
<b>CHERRY</b>	8.45am	3.05pm
<b>HAZEL, HAWTHORN, MAPLE &amp; JUNIPER</b>	8.55am	3.15pm
<b>POPLAR, WILLOW, BIRCH &amp; ELM</b>	8.45am	3.05pm
<b>PINE, ASH, BEECH &amp; OAK</b>	8.35am	2.55pm
<b>Families with Siblings in Classes PINE, ASH, BEECH &amp; OAK</b>	8.35am	See class times
<b>Families with Siblings in SAPLINGS, SEEDLINGS CHERRY, HAZEL, HAWTHORN, MAPLE &amp; JUNIPER POPLAR, WILLOW, BIRCH &amp; ELM</b>	8.45am	See class times

## 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.delveslanprimary.durham.sch.uk/parents/our-school-uniform/>

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

## ONE-WAY SYSTEM

We will continue with the ONE-WAY SYSTEM around school. We will strongly advise all parents and carers to wear face masks, because of the numbers of adults entering the site.

## School Holidays December 2021 to 2022

<b>Holiday</b>	<b>Closing Date</b>	<b>Date school re-opens for teaching purposes</b>
Beginning of Spring Term		Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2022
February Half Term Holiday	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
Easter Holiday	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April
May Day Holiday	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May
Summer Half Term Holiday	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June
Summer Holiday 2022	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Date to be confirmed



## REMINDER Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancies

We need you! Do you love working with children or are interested in a career working with children? Why not join us at Delves Lane Primary School! We have 2 lunchtime supervisor vacancies, and are looking for kind and caring individuals, to join our fantastic team! Please click on this link for more information

<https://www.northeastjobs.org.uk/default.aspx?page=jobdetail&module=jobs-userjobdetails&jid=217278>

## 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.

We look forward to welcoming all our children back to school tomorrow.

Thank you for your continued support.

Take care.

***B Woods***

Mrs B Woods  
**Head Teacher**