



## DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope all our children and families have had a lovely half-term holiday.

Included in this letter is news about school day times from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February, changes some PE days for some classes, an important update about COVID-19, After School Club news and updates about Breakfast and After School Childcare. Please email us at [delveslaneprimary@durhamlearning.net](mailto:delveslaneprimary@durhamlearning.net) with any queries. Thank you.

## Changes to School Opening/Closing times from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February

From Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February, we will be changing the times for children to enter and leave the school site.

The gates will open from 8.40am and children can arrive between **8.40am and 8.50am.**

Children will continue to enter the building through their normal entrances and leave at their normal exits.

| <u>Year Groups</u>                            | <u>School Start Time</u> | <u>End/Collection Time</u> |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Nursery AM - Saplings                         | 8.45am                   | 11.45am                    |
| Nursery PM – Seedlings                        | 12.15pm                  | 3.15pm                     |
| Reception – Cherry Class                      | 8.40-8.50am              | 3.05pm                     |
| Year 1 & 2 – Hawthorn, Hazel, Maple & Juniper | 8.40-8.50am              | 3.05pm                     |
| Year 3 & 4 – Poplar, Willow, Birch & Elm      | 8.40-8.50am              | 3.10pm                     |
| Year 5 & 6 Pine, Ash, Beech & Oak             | 8.40-8.50am              | 3.10pm                     |

## PE Days

Children to wear their PE kit to school on PE Days – see table below as there are some changes.

Girls and boys both wear:

**Shorts** - Navy shorts

**T-Shirt** - Plain light blue T-shirt

**Footwear** - A pair of Plimsolls/trainers – elasticated ones are essential for younger children

**Cold Weather PE Kit** - Navy or black jogging bottoms for outdoor lessons in cold weather and navy-blue hooded top.

**Children can wear a blue sweatshirt/hooded top and blue/black tracksuit bottoms to school during the colder months as part of their PE kit.**

***Poplar Class start their Swimming lessons on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022!***

| PE Day    | Classes                                                                                                                                                                              |
|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday    | Hawthorn and Hazel (Year 1)<br>Birch and Elm (Year 4)<br><b>SWIMMING in Poplar Class - Swimming starts from 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022 (This is a change from last half-term)</b> |
| Tuesday   | Cherry (Reception) and Juniper (Year 2)<br>Willow and Poplar (Year 3) – <b>This is a change from last half-term</b>                                                                  |
| Wednesday | Hazel and Hawthorn (Year 1)<br>Pine and Ash (Year 5) – <b>This is a change from last half-term</b>                                                                                   |
| Thursday  | Maple (Year 2)<br>Beech and Oak (Year 6)                                                                                                                                             |
| Friday    | Saplings and Seedlings (Nursery)                                                                                                                                                     |

## COVID-19 Update

On 21st February Government announced the Living with Covid-19, link below:

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-response-living-with-covid-19](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-response-living-with-covid-19)

This step removes the remaining legal restrictions used to manage the pandemic and moves the management of the disease towards the Public Health standard approaches for managing infectious diseases.

**Routine Testing** - Routine twice weekly LFD testing will now stop for staff in mainstream schools.

**Self-Isolation and close contacts** - Whilst the legal requirement for cases to self-isolate is now removed from 24th February, adults and children who test positive for Covid-19 will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people.

**National Public Health Advice** - The national Public Health advice is that anyone who has tested positive for Covid-19 should self-isolate at home for at least 5 full days, with LFD testing starting from 5 days after the day symptoms started (or the day the test was taken if there are no symptoms), and be undertaken daily until there are two consecutive negative tests at which point self-isolation may end provided the case has no fever/high temperature. The advised self-isolation period for cases ends for all cases after 10 full days from the day following their symptom onset.

**The guidance for individuals states that children and young people with COVID-19 should not attend their education setting whilst they are infectious.**

**Face coverings** – Staff and Parents/Carers are not required to wear face coverings are no longer advised at this time. We would only request this in future, if directed to by Public Health.

**Measures in place** – We will continue to promote good hand hygiene, maintain appropriate cleaning routines, keep occupied spaces well ventilated and follow Public Health advice about COVID-19.

**LFD Testing** - There is no requirement for close contacts and household contacts of cases to self-isolate or undertake 7 days of LFD testing and this includes unvaccinated adults.

## After School Club News

Mr Turnbull is busy finalising the After School Clubs which will start again on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022. More information will be sent out week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> February. Thank you.

## Breakfast and After School Childcare

Breakfast and After School Childcare is available from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February. All sessions must be pre-booked. Please can we remind families that **children MUST arrive for Breakfast club between 7.50 and 8.00am each day**, as adults are available to welcome children onto the site. Thank you.



## REMINDER OPAL News

What is OPAL?

OPAL – Outdoor Play and Learning, is all about improving the quality of play for all children.

The benefits of OPAL are:

More teaching time – Children are happier, more creative and well exercised children who settle back into class after play much more quickly

Improved behaviour

Children develop creativity, imagination, cooperation, resilience, stamina and confidence

Inclusion – Play is better for every child every day

Happiness and Wellbeing - Play is a human need and a human right. Children and staff at OPAL schools report feeling less stressed and happier, and more excited about school.

At DLPS, we are determined that children will get the best possible play experience.

We are going to be including an OPAL update in our Newsletter each week and will be requesting donations of equipment.

### **This week – Do you have...**

- Adult sized wellies
- Dolls

We would appreciate any donations, thank you.

## World Book Day

Don't forget World Book day is on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Children can come to school dressed in pyjamas and bring in a book and a teddy for a cosy reading session.

We've also asked children to be sponsored to read 25 times for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of World Book Day. Sponsor money will be used to buy new books. Children have been given sponsor forms already but we can provide more if they have been misplaced. Thank you.

## School Uniform

We Our children at DLPS are expected to wear our school uniform every day.

Uniform is an important part of a school's identify. It reinforces who we are as a community and helps allow pupils to feel a send of pride in their school. We have noticed that a number of children are not wearing the correct uniform to school, and we believe it is time to clarify our expectations for pupils and parents.

The uniform policy is available on the school website, but please see the information below.

**Trousers** - Navy blue, grey or black trousers

**Shirt/Blouse** - Pale blue polo shirt or blouse

**Jumper/Cardigan** - Navy blue jumper/cardigan

**Shoes** – Suitable black shoes (not sandals, Ugg style boots or crocs)

**Summer Uniform** - Blue checked dresses and grey shorts are suitable for the summer.

**Children are not to wear hooded blue tops as a uniform jumper.**

## Ordering School Uniform

You can now order uniform direct from our supplier, Suzanne Nichol. Please click on this link [Order DLPS Uniform](#) and follow the simple instructions. This is now our preferred method for ordering uniform as it allows parents to contact Suzanne. Don't worry, you still have the option to order from the school if required.

## Calendar of Events

We have been starting to plan further events for the remainder of the academic year. We will have a full calendar coming out soon, but this has been delayed whilst we wait for confirmation for some events.

In the meantime, we can share the following information with you.

| Date                                   | Event                                | Information                                                                                                                                             |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2022  | Beginning of Spring 2                | Children return to school on Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February                                                                                           |
| Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> March           | World Book Day                       | Non-Uniform Day – Wear Pyjamas<br>Children can bring in a bedtime story/book to read in class where we will be having milk, hot chocolate and biscuits. |
| Date to be confirmed                   | Science Event                        | More information to follow                                                                                                                              |
| Week Commencing 21 <sup>st</sup> March | Parents Evening                      | More information to follow                                                                                                                              |
| Week Commencing 28 <sup>th</sup> March | Assessment Week                      | Please make sure children are on time for school and have eaten a good breakfast!                                                                       |
| Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> March       | Year 1 House Cup Event               | Hawthorn and Hazel will take part<br>In School Event                                                                                                    |
| Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> April        | Richard Holden MP to visit DLPS      | In School Event                                                                                                                                         |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> April         | Interfaith Day                       | In School Event<br>More information to follow                                                                                                           |
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April           | End of Spring Term<br>Easter Holiday | Children return to school on Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April                                                                                              |

Thank you for your continued support. We hope all our families have a lovely weekend. Stay safe and take care. We will see you all again on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

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Mrs B Woods

**Head Teacher**