



DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to the start of the Autumn term! We hope you all had a wonderful holiday!

It has been great to see so many smiling faces at the gates every morning! The children have settled into their new classes and completed some lovely 'Welcome Back Week Activities'.

Our team have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know their new classes including welcoming our new starters in school. We are very proud of the way our children have behaved this week, well done!

Parents and carers can speak to our Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher and Special Needs Coordinator at the gate each morning if you have any concerns or questions, or just want to say hello!

Gate Duty Rota

Day	Member of Staff on Duty
Monday	Mrs Woods, Headteacher
Tuesday	Mrs Shaw, Special Needs Coordinator
Wednesday	Mrs Woods, Headteacher
Thursday	Mrs Allister-Webb, Deputy Headteacher
Friday	Mrs Allister-Webb, Deputy Headteacher

Reminder of Start and Finish Times

➤ Gates Open at 8.30am
➤ Gates Close at 8.40am
➤ Gates re-open at 3.05pm
➤ End of School Day for Reception & Key Stage 1 (Cherry, Hazel, Juniper & Maple)
➤ End of School Day for Key Stage 2 (Poplar, Willow, Birch, Elm, Pine, Beech & Oak)

Thank you to everyone for your support with our new school start and finish times.

Please remember that children will be marked as late after 8.40am each day.

Pupil Attendance Expectations

What Parents & Carers must do:

- Telephone the school before 8.30am each day of your child's absence.
- Tell the school in advance, of any medical appointments and bring in appointment cards/letters.
- If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival.
- If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step so we can help!

What DLPS will do:

- Check your child's attendance every day.
- Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.
- Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.



- If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit.
- Our Attendance officer Leanne Hood, will work with DLPS to support your child's good attendance at school.

COVID Procedures

This term, we will continue with current guidance. If your child contracts COVID then they must remain at home for three consecutive days before returning to school. As long as they are well enough, after three days, they can return to school.

Is your child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school or Nursery when they're unwell. Please follow the advice below regarding illnesses and school attendance:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Calendar of Events

We are busy populating our Calendar of Events for the year. This will be sent out next week.

Children with Medical Needs

If your child has an inhaler, or other medicines that they need for school, these should be returned following the holidays.

Can we also remind parents and carers that when sending prescribed medicines into school, they MUST have the child's name and dosage on the label. Parents must complete a medical consent form.

Mrs Clark is our Medical Lead at DLPS. Please email delveslaneprimary@durhamlearning.net and state that this is for the Attention of Mrs Clark, if you have any medical queries, thank you.

Cherry Class (Reception)

Date for your Diary – September 2023	
Week Two	
Monday 11 th September RECEPTION CHILDREN – CHERRY	Children in Reception attend all day from 8.50am to 2.00pm for Monday 11 th and Tuesday 12 th September Children in Reception attend all day from 8.50am to 3.10pm for Wednesday 13 th , Thursday 14 th and Friday 15 th September

Celebration Assemblies

Celebration Assemblies will return next Friday. Thank you.

Breakfast Club and After School Childcare Club

Parents and Carers MUST pre-book and pre-pay for this provision. Parents can book a place via Arbor.

Children can arrive with an adult by 7.40am each day for Breakfast Club. Mrs Testo or Mrs Shield will meet children at the infant or junior hall doors. After School Childcare is available Monday to Thursday each week between 3.15pm and 5.30pm.

More information can be found here

<https://www.delveslaneprimary.durham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/17/2023/08/DLPS-Breakfast-After-School-Club-Policy-July-2023-1.pdf>

After School Activity Clubs

These will begin again from Monday 18th September. There are places available in the following clubs:

- Construction Club Year 1 & Year 2
- Mini Sports Club Year 1 & Year 2

- Mindfulness Club Year 1 & year 2
- Cosy Reading Year 1 & Year 2
- Arts & Crafts Year 3 to Year 6
- Netball Year 3 to year 6
- Drawing Club Year 3 to Year 6
- Girls Football Year 4 to Year 6
- Gymnastics Year 3 to year 6
- Film Club Year 3 to Year 6
- Dodgeball Year 3 to Year 6

School Uniform

A reminder that our school uniform is a pale blue/white polo shirt or blouse, a blue jumper or cardigan, black, navy blue or grey trousers or skirt or a blue checked dress. This can be with or without school logos. All footwear is to be plain black shoes or plain black trainers. Uniform can be ordered directly from

<https://www.sportswear.com/delves-lane-primary-school-493-c.asp>

You can also visit Track Sportswear's shop to try uniform on at Track Sportswear Ltd, Gledstone House, 26 Newmarket Street, CONSETT, Co. Durham DH8 5LQ. Families can telephone: 01207 506929 or email:

tracksportswear@gmail.com

New School PE Kits

Children will continue to wear their PE kit to school on PE Days.

This year, we have updated our school PE Kit. Pupils are now expected to wear:

- A plain white t-shirt.
- Plain navy blue or black; shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms.
- Appropriate sports footwear.
- A plain navy-blue school jumper.
- Pupils should wear their normal navy-blue school jumper over the top of their PE kit for cold weather where required.

All clothing must be plain and in the colours stated.

Children should attend school on their stated PE day or for sporting events/trips wearing the appropriate kit and if needed, spare kit will be provided to pupils.

We were very excited to hand out a new PE t-shirt this week to every pupil from Reception to Year 6. We hope you all liked them!

Additional kit can be bought from many everyday high street retailers unembroidered, or alternatively, it can be purchased through our current school uniform provider from the website

<https://www.sportswear.com>

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JEWELLERY in School

In the interest of safety, we strongly encourage children NOT to wear jewellery in school. This includes any form of fashion band worn around the wrist. Jewellery can present a risk of injury to the wearer and to others, and our aim is to keep children safe from harm at school.

Delves Lane Primary is an OPAL school (Outdoor Play and Learning) and some of the curriculum is taught through structured play and outdoor learning. We STRONGLY ADVISE that children do not wear earrings in school.

➤ Watches

Watches are not allowed in school; this includes any type of SMART watch or fitness band.

If a pupil is found in possession of a smart watch, then the following procedures apply:

- On the first occasion the smart watch will be confiscated, and the pupil may collect the watch from their class teacher at the end of the school day.
- On the second occasion a member of staff will contact parents via a phone call, text, email or letter. Parents will be requested to collect the smart watch at the end of the school day.

- In the event of a pupil refusing to hand over a smart watch when requested to do so, we will contact parents immediately.

➤ **Earrings**

Should you choose to allow your child to wear earrings in school now or in the future, despite the Health and Safety risks, the following information applies:

- Children can wear ONE pair of earrings (small plain studs ONLY)
- Children MUST be able to remove their earrings independently for ALL physical activities (PE lessons, swimming etc.)
- Parents MUST give their consent if they wish their child to wear earrings in school. An electronic indemnity form should be completed on Arbor.

➤ **PE and Physical Activities**

- **Earrings MUST NOT be worn for PE or other sporting activities including swimming.**
- **If children cannot remove their earrings, they will not be allowed to participate in the lesson or activity.**
- **It would be advisable for children not to wear earrings on PE days, or on days when they have planned sporting activities.**
- **Children will not be allowed to cover their earrings with a plaster, because this does not provide adequate protection.**

PE Days

Day	Classes
Monday	Maple, Oak and Beech Class (Year 2 & Year 6)
Tuesday	Juniper, Hazel & Pine Class (Year 1 & Year 5)
Wednesday	Juniper, Hazel, Birch and Elm Class (Year 1 & Year 4)
Thursday	Cherry, Poplar & Willow Class (Reception & Year 3)
Friday	Saplings, Seedlings & Roots Class (Nursery and 2YO)

(This is subject to change and we will update you).

Healthy Snacks

We provide our Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children with a healthy snack - usually a piece of fruit, each day. Please can parents and carers of our junior children who provide a snack, make sure it is portable. For health and safety reasons, snacks must be portable (not need cutlery, etc.) Fruit and Veg snacks are always recommended. The NHS give guidance on healthy snacks here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/food-facts/healthier-snacks/#fruit-and-veg>

Emergency contact information

If you have moved house, changed your contact number/email address, or your listed contacts change, please forward this information to our Admin Team this week. If you are a family who require two sets of important information, you must inform us of this. If you are a parent who does not live with your child, we can post or email important information to your address, i.e. school reports/newsletters.

Staffing Changes

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Gordon to school (officially). She has joined our Early Years team this year. She will be working in Nursery.

We hope this information is helpful. If you have any queries, please email or telephone our school office. We are here to help in any we can. Have a lovely weekend everyone!

R Woods

Mrs R Woods
Head Teacher