



**Dalton St Mary's CE Primary School**  
Autumn Term  
**Newsletter 2**  
**11<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

This week has been lovely in school. Our new routines around break and lunchtimes are being embedded and children are busy learning each day in their new classes. It is inevitable that children, particularly at this time of year, will develop coughs and colds and this may be difficult to manage. The current guidance is clear that the symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- High temperature
- New continuous cough
- Change to/loss of sense of taste or smell

If anyone in the family has one or more of these symptoms the advice is to isolate and access testing. We can support parents and offer advice around Government guidelines but if you are concerned about your child's (or a family member's symptoms) it is always best to seek medical advice:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

If you do not have access to the internet you can call 119

If you cannot access an appropriate test through these two contacts please ring school and we may be able to help you access an appointment.

### **School Curriculum and PE**

Your child may have mentioned that they have been doing some tests this week. This may seem a little soon upon their return to school, however it is simply a baseline test to enable us to identify any gaps in learning. The tests the children have completed would have been the tests from the end of the summer term of their previous year group. Teachers have shared with me that there do not appear to be any worrying gaps which is super news – we will be analysing the results further to ensure we put in support where needed.

As we are settling back into school, we are able to review the systems we have in place and make improvements where we can. PE was an area we needed to explore. We planned to do PE outside whenever it was dry and this will still be the case however, we recognise that we are in the Autumn Term and dry days will become fewer. If you would like to include a pair of tracksuit pants in your child's PE kit for outside days they could wear these over their shorts along with their school jumper over their PE t-shirt.

We feel PE is a very important part of the curriculum for both physical health and mental well-being. We have reviewed our risk assessment and adapted the PE timetable and cleaning schedule to enable us to use the hall for some sessions if we are not able to go outside. All classes will have their own equipment and this will not be shared with other classes. The hall is cleaned and mopped regularly during the school day as we have cleaning staff on-site from 10.00am to 6.00pm each day. Our Onsite coach, Mr McGuire, is still coming into school and following our risk assessment and procedures.

### **Homework**

We will not, initially, be sending homework home with your child. Reading regularly at home, accessing TT Rock Stars and exploring spellings with your child is a great way to support learning at home. We will keep you updated with our plans around homework.

## Drop Off and Pick Up Times from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Times: We are keeping the times the same for next week (Wk. Beginning 14/09/20) just to allow the system to settle. We are considering shortening the times again for dropping off/collecting but will give you notice if there are to be any changes.

Your Child's Year Group	Drop Off Time	Pick Up Time
Nursery	9.10 – 9.20	3.20 – 3.30
Reception	9.10 – 9.20	3.20 – 3.30
Year 1	9.00 – 9.10	3.20 – 3.30
Year 2	9.00 – 9.10	3.20 – 3.30
Year 3	8.50 – 9.00	3.10 – 3.20
Year 4	8.50 – 9.00	3.10 – 3.20
Year 5	8.40 – 8.50	3.00 – 3.10
Year 6	8.40 – 8.50	3.00 – 3.10

As we have done this week please adhere to your drop-off collection times to ensure this continues to run smoothly. Also the same as this week; if you have more than one child you are dropping off/collecting please arrive at the time for your oldest child.

## Showbie

We are trying to reduce the amount of paper we send home/receive into school. To ensure we still have open channels of communication whilst not sending letters we are going to develop communication systems on Showbie. Parents who are new to our school maybe wondering – what is Showbie? Please do not worry - Mrs Croskery is sending home information about accessing our online learning platforms and will provide logins/passwords. For any parents who are struggling to access our online platforms Mrs Croskery will be on the playground at the start and end of the day on Monday to offer support with this.

It is important that parents join classes and groups that are relevant to them.

Showbie Groups/Classes (A Class is used for children's learning and a Group is used for communication)	Code	Who should join this class/group? What information will I find in there?
Nursery Group	GQ82T	All parents of children in Nursery <a href="#">In this group you will find information about events in your child's class, class newsletters, class messages and other class communication.</a>
Reception Group	T23UW	All parents of children in Reception <a href="#">In this group you will find information about events in your child's class, class newsletters, class messages and other class communication.</a>
Year 1 Group	FJKGD	All parents of children in Y1 <a href="#">In this group you will find information about events in your child's class, class newsletters, class messages and other class communication.</a>

Year 2 Group	U88N7	All parents of children in Y2 In this group you will find information about events in your child's class, class newsletters, class messages and other class communication.
Year 3 Group	H3NEE	All parents of children in Y3 In this group you will find information about events in your child's class, class newsletters, class messages and other class communication.
Year 4 Group	C9W59	All parents of children in Y4 In this group you will find information about events in your child's class, class newsletters, class messages and other class communication.
Year 5 Group	DGAEW	All parents of children in Y5 In this group you will find information about events in your child's class, class newsletters, class messages and other class communication.
Year 6 Group	29RT5	All parents of children in Y6 In this group you will find information about events in your child's class, class newsletters, class messages and other class communication.
<b>IF YOU HAVE MORE THAN ONE CHILD HERE AT DSM YOU SHOULD JOIN THE GROUPS FOR ALL YOUR CHILDREN'S YEAR GROUPS</b>		
DSM Parent Group	HZ3W5	ALL PARENTS/CARERS OF ALL CHILDREN IN ALL YEAR GROUPS Weekly newsletters (each Friday), whole school letters, any whole school information.
DSM Family Class	CWHK6	ALL PARENTS/CARERS OF ALL CHILDREN IN ALL YEAR GROUPS This will used for any whole school learning projects.

Thank you for taking the time to read this Newsletter. Remember I am here if I can help you or your family in any way: [l.woodburn@dsmprimary.com](mailto:l.woodburn@dsmprimary.com)

Kind regards

*Mrs L Woodburn*

### **Dates for Diaries**

Parents who are familiar with our weekly Newsletter know this section includes important dates for parents for the term ahead. In the current climate, we do not have any dates where we can invite you in to school however, we are planning alternative ways to involve you in your children's learning which will most probably be virtual events. Look out on the Newsletter for plans for our alternative:

MacMillan Coffee Morning, Harvest Festival, Parent Drop-in Week, Parent Evening and other events.