



**Dalton St Mary's CE Primary School**  
Autumn Term  
**Newsletter 3**  
**18<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

We have had another lovely week in school. I would like parents to be reassured that the systems we have in place are effective and we are constantly reviewing our practice to evaluate and improve wherever possible. The coming weeks and months will be challenging however, it is our intention to communicate with you effectively to make sure we all have the same information. It can be frustrating when I receive information from the Local Authority or Government very late in the day (especially Friday), I am trying to keep one step ahead however as I write this Newsletter I am still awaiting information from Cumbria County Council regarding any changes they would like me to implement on Monday. There are further restrictions in Barrow from Monday and I am waiting to hear whether this includes Dalton schools. I will keep you updated.

The current guidance which is clear is 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.

**Changes to Drop Off Times for Nursery and Reception from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020**

We have shortened the drop off time for Nursery and Reception starting on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September. We feel this is running smoothly each day and would like to try this shortened period of time. All other times will remain the same next week.

<b>Your Child's Year Group</b>	<b>Drop Off Time</b>	<b>Pick Up Time</b>
Nursery	9.00 – 9.10	3.20 – 3.30
Reception	9.00 – 9.10	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 always please adhere to your drop-off collection times to ensure this continues to run smoothly. Also remaining the same; if you have more than one child you are dropping off/collecting please arrive at the time for your oldest child.

## DSM Family Day on Friday 25th September

At a time where we need to keep our distance, we still want to stay connected with our families. We are one big school family and one big community too!

On Friday 25th September, across the school, children will be learning about different families and will have the chance to share and talk about their own family. We are asking the grown-ups to help the children upload a family picture to their class folder. Please note; parents/guardians can only access their child's family photo. No other grown-ups will be able to see other family photos. We look forward to seeing your photos and getting to know our DSM families a little better.

## Macmillan Coffee Morning

Y6 have been busy planning an exciting virtual coffee morning to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Care. This event will take place at **10:30am on Friday 25th September**. We are planning to use Google Meets to go live with the event. The virtual event should end around **11:15am**. We will record the event for any family members that would like to watch it at a later date. For more information about the use of Google Meets and the event, please head to the **Y6 Parent/Guardian Showbie Chat. A reminder that the code is: 29RT5**

## 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.

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 <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 3 Group	H3NEE	All parents of children in Y3

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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 (Information in this week's Newsletter), Harvest Festival, Parent Drop-in Week, Parent Evening and other events.