



Dalton St Mary's CE Primary School

Spring Term

Newsletter 17

25th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

I do hope this Newsletter finds you and your families well. I would like to thank you all again for the support you are giving to your children at home with their home learning, this is very much appreciated. I do understand that it must be stressful at times and please be reassured we are here to help where we can. I think it would make things a little easier if we had a definite return to school date however this hasn't yet been agreed by Government. As soon as I have any guidance I will let you know.

School Office

As we begin to settle into routines, both at home and school, we intend to reduce the number of people physically in school wherever possible. The school telephone, from Tuesday 26th January 2021, will only be available between the hours of 10.00am to 12 o'clock. Outside of these hours parents can contact school by email to office@dsmprimary.com l.woodburn@dsmprimary.com or if your query relates to learning or technical issues please use Showbie.

Lateral Flow testing for Staff

This week sees the introduction of lateral flow testing for staff who are coming into school. All staff who are in school have been offered the opportunity to participate in twice weekly testing. These tests are to be undertaken at home prior to staff coming into school. All results are collated by school and also collated by the Government. I do feel this offers another layer of safety for the staff and children who are attending school during this period of closure.

Road Works

I am sure you are aware that there are roadworks being undertaken this week on Coronation Drive. For those parents who are bringing/collecting children from school you should be able to access the car park, either from the east or west of Coronation Drive. The works should be completed by the end of the week.

Critical Keyworker Childcare

I have been working hard to ensure the provision we have in school is as safe as possible for the children who have to access Critical Keyworker Childcare and also for the staff who are in school leading and managing the Critical Keyworker Childcare Bubbles. The Government do offer guidance around access to places in school however, this is guidance and not statutory. Schools use the Government Guidance to begin planning the best way forward for their school and we are also advised by the Local Authority. This guidance and advice then needs to be considered along with availability of staffing and prioritising Critical Keyworkers. I am trying my best to be fair to those requesting places, giving priority to those on the frontline in health, whilst keeping everyone in school safe.

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

Kind regards

Mrs L Woodburn

Dates for Diaries

Event	Date	Arrangements
Parent Consultations	Week beginning 08/02/2021	Parents will be offered a Microsoft Teams consultation with their child's class teacher. Further information and appointment times will be issued nearer the date.

Beginning and End of the School Day from January 2021

Class	Drop Off Time	Pick Up Time
Nursery	8.50 – 9.00	3.10 – 3.20
Reception	8.50 – 9.00	3.10 – 3.20
Year 1	8.50 – 9.00	3.10 – 3.20
Year 2	8.50 – 9.00	3.10 – 3.20
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