

17 August 2020

Dear Families,

Re: Return to School Information- Children in Years 1 to 6

I hope that you have all enjoyed a restful summer and along with all staff at DAA, are looking forward with excitement to a new academic year. In order to prioritise the health and safety of the whole school community, we have had to make some changes to how we run the school day. Please read the following information carefully to ensure that you are aware of these changes before we reopen fully on **Tuesday 1 September**. (*Children in Nursery and Reception begin as informed w/b 24 Aug*)

Arrival to School

In order to reduce the number of parents on site at the start of the school day, we will be extending the time for drop off. **Our doors will open between 8:15am and 8:40am so that children can arrive to school over a longer period of time.** It is crucial that when families arrive on site, they maintain a safe distance between other families. The primary leadership team will be outside to support this to happen.

Collection from School

There will be two finishing times for Primary classes. Again, this is to reduce the amount of families on the site at any one time. We understand that there may be families who have children in numerous classes. We would ask for your patience and understanding whilst waiting for siblings to be released- it will not be possible to collect children from different classes and release together due to 'bubbling' restrictions. School leaders will be present again during this time to ensure that families keep to a safe distance whilst children are leaving the building.

Children in Nursery, Year 1, Year 3 and Year 6 will be released from their classrooms at 3:15pm.

Children in Reception, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 5 will be released from their classrooms at 3:30pm.

Lunchtimes

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to have lunches provided by school and eat in the canteen as normal.

In order to meet social distancing requirements, children in KS2 will not be able to eat in the canteen and will eat their lunches in classrooms or designated outdoor space. For this reason, we are encouraging children in KS2 to bring a packed lunch from home for the foreseeable future. Those entitled to free school meals will receive a packed lunch from school and any child who wishes to purchase one will also be able to do this. There will be a range of options on offer and children will be able to choose their sandwich filling on a daily basis. The packed lunch will also contain a sweet baked item or yogurt and piece of fruit. The cost for this will be £2 per day.

Before and After School Clubs

Provision will be made for families who rely on this service to go to work. Families were asked to inform us of essential need before the summer holidays. Angela Watson has contacted all those requiring breakfast provision given that children will now be able to arrive at school for 8.15am.

After school provision will run from 3:30pm until 4:30pm.

There will be no offer of extra-curricular activities beyond this until further notice.



PE

Children will have their taught PE session as normal. They should come to school in their PE kit when it is the day of their lesson. PE days are as follows:

YEAR 1: TUESDAY

YEAR 2: WEDNESDAY

YEAR 3: MONDAY AND FRIDAY

YEAR 4: WEDNESDAY (swimming will resume as soon possible)

YEAR 5: TUESDAY AND FRIDAY

YEAR 6: THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

Please ensure your child has the right kit- unbranded black tracksuit and plain white t-shirt. (School logo tracksuits are available from Natasha's if you would prefer). Trainers can be worn on PE days.

Social Distancing Between Children

Children will access learning and social time in Year Group 'bubbles'. Each year group will have designated spaces to play and learn so that the contact between different groups is reduced. There will be no key stage assemblies or large gatherings and staff will remain consistent with their year group. Classroom furniture has been arranged to support children to work at a safe distance from their peers and resources will not be shared between bubbles.

Hygiene

A significant amount of time will be given to supporting children to maintain good hygiene. Handwashing and sanitising will be an integral part of the day. Cleaners have been allocated to areas to ensure that rooms and equipment are sanitised regularly throughout the day.

Reading Books

Book bags should be brought to school daily so that reading books can be changed regularly. The Department for Education have advised that books can be brought to and from school as normal.

Travel to and from School

It is advised that families walk to and from school as much as possible. Not only is this the healthiest option, but it will ensure that the demand for parking and close contact between families is reduced further.

Parent Workshops and Assemblies

We are unable to have any parents inside the school building; parent workshops and attendance at assemblies will resume once we are told it is safe to do so.

I realise that this letter contains a huge amount of information and there are many aspects of school that will be significantly different. I would like to thank you in advance for your patience, understanding and support and know that we will continue to work together to ensure that our children have the outstanding education that they deserve.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and we will see you all on 1 September. (Nursery & Reception w/b 24 August!)

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Greenwood
Primary Head Teacher

