

Return to School Information for Parents & Carers

of Children in Year 5 & Year 6 September 2020



What will my child's class be like?

You will have received a letter introducing you and your child to their teacher and the staff who will be supporting them from September.

- Each child will have their own pencil case and stationary to use
- Children will keep their water bottle with them on their desk
- Desks have been arranged so that every child is facing the same direction
- School staff will stay 2m from your child as much as possible
- Each class will be a "bubble" spending the school day together and contact with other bubbles will be minimised (Lower Key Stage 2 will eat together in the hall but social distancing will be in place)



What will they be doing in their class?

- As well as our usual curriculum (see the 'Curriculum' page on our website for specific year group topics – Year A), we will be incorporating a 'Recovery Curriculum' which will focus on supporting children to successfully transition back to school, support social and emotional well-being and address any worries or anxieties that they may have.
- During the first week children will also learn about micro-organisms and the importance of hand, respiratory and food hygiene.
- Teachers will be completing informal assessments with your child to identify any gaps in their learning following an extended spell out of school



How will I drop my child off?

- **All** children must be accompanied to school by an adult (16+)
- Only 1 adult is allowed to bring children to school
- We have staggered start times for different classes and their siblings (see the COVID 19 page on our website).
- ***Children must be dropped off promptly at their allocated times - If you have more than one child to drop off you will need to wait on the school yard to drop subsequent children off at their allocated times.***
- Year 5 & Year 6 will enter the school via the Year5/6 entrance
- Children will be met on the yard by Mrs Watson, Mr Leyland, Mr Fletcher & Mrs Kelly
- Do not congregate on the school yard and stay 2m from other adults at all times
- Messages must be telephoned or emailed to the school office (0191 586 2937 office@denehouseprimary.co.uk)
- Children may come to school on bikes or scooters but they **MUST NOT** ride them on the school premises and parents must take them home with them once their child has been dropped off on a morning



How will I pick my child up?

- **All** Year 5 children must be collected from school by an adult (16+)
- Only 1 adult is allowed to collect children from school
- Year 6 children can walk home on their own **but you must sign a permission slip**
- We have staggered start times for different classes and their siblings (see the COVID 19 page on our website).
- ***Children must be collected promptly at their allocated times***
- Year 5 & Year 6 children will be collected on the junior yard
- Adults will be allowed on the junior yard to pick up children but you must stay 2m from other adults at all times
- You must leave the school site immediately after collecting your child
- Messages must be telephoned or emailed to the school office (0191 586 2937 office@denehouseprimary.co.uk)
- Children must wash their hands as soon as they get home



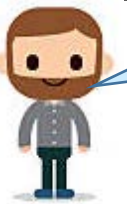
What should my child bring into school from home?

- Your child will be expected to be in full school uniform except on days when they have PE when they will be expected to come to school in their PE kit
 - If your child cannot fasten their laces, then they should wear footwear without laces
 - Every child must bring in a water bottle with their name on. Please can you clean the water bottle as soon as they get home each evening
 - If your child is bringing a packed lunch, then it must be in a plastic container, (**NOT a plastic carrier or fabric bag**), that will be wiped clean when children arrive at school. You must wipe it clean when they get home as well
 - Your child will be given a school reading book, which must be brought in every day, in the plastic book bag provided by school
 - No other items other than those listed above can be brought into school from home
- Please DO NOT send bags/pencil cases/toys or any other equipment from home.**



What is school doing to limit the spread of viruses?

- **We have a detailed risk assessment in place in order to protect our entire school community and this can be viewed on the COVID 19 section of our website.** Some key points to note are:
- Children and staff will be washing their hands at regular intervals (when they arrive in school, between lessons and breaks, after visiting the toilet and at the end of the day)
- Children will be taught how to wash their hands properly and how to use the **Catch It, Bin It, Kill It** approach for coughs and sneezes
- Desks and shared areas of the school will be cleaned and disinfected regularly throughout the school day
- No adults, apart from school staff, are allowed into the school building without an appointment
- Staff and children must stay at home if they display symptoms of coronavirus (Covid-19)
- Staff or children developing symptoms of coronavirus while in school will be isolated immediately and sent home
- Social distancing will be encouraged as much as possible



What happens if my child is poorly?

- If your child is feeling too unwell to attend school, but does not have any symptoms of coronavirus, then you should inform the school office as normal.
- If your child, or any member of their household, has a **fever, persistent cough or a loss of taste/smell** then they should stay at home and contact the NHS to book a coronavirus test. They should NOT come to school until after the test comes back as negative.
- If your **child tests positive**, then you should follow the government's stay at home guidance and self-isolate them for **10 days** and only return your child to school when they no longer have a fever. Coughs and loss of sense of taste/smell may persist for longer than 10 days but it is okay to return to school with these symptoms. If it is **someone in your child's household that tests positive** then children must not return to school until after self-isolating for 14 days.
- You MUST inform school and the NHS Test and Trace service if your child or someone in your household tests positive for coronavirus.



What happens if there is a positive case of COVID 19 at Dene House Primary?

- School will contact the Health Protection Agency if we become aware of a positive test result within our school community
- The Health Protection Agency will contact schools directly if they become aware that someone has tested positive who attended the school (from Test and Trace)
 - A risk assessment will be carried out to confirm who has been in close contact with the person during the period that they were infectious, and ensure they are asked to self-isolate.
 - If we have two or more confirmed cases within 14 days, or an overall rise in sickness absence where coronavirus (COVID-19) is suspected, we must work with our local health protection team, who will be able to advise if additional action is required – This may include isolating bubbles or closing the school
 - If bubbles have to isolate or if school closes we will provide remote online learning activities for children to complete at home