

## Dane Bank Primary School

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Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021,

Dear Parent/Carer(s),

### **Return to school from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021.**

Following the announcement from the Prime Minister earlier this week stating that all children will return to school on 8th March, we would first and foremost like to take this opportunity to say how much we are looking forward to seeing all of our children and families again. Whilst we have remained open to children of Key Workers and seen many children on a screen daily, we have missed the whole school community, and can't wait for school to be buzzing with life and learning again.

School will reopen for all pupils on **Monday 8th March**. We will continue with the drop off and pick up arrangements that were in place when we finished in January, which have proven to work well.

It is everyone's responsibility to ensure that we keep all of our children, families and staff safe, ensuring that the flow of people through the school grounds is smooth and swift, so we would like to remind you of the following:

- Face masks must be worn at all times whilst on school property (unless of course you have an exemption)
- Social distancing must be maintained at all times including at the school gates. Please can we ask that all pathways are kept clear.
- Staff will not be available to speak to parents before or after school as it is important that they commit their time to ensuring all children arrive and leave their care safely. If you need to discuss something with a member of staff, you should contact the school office and arrange a telephone appointment.
- The one-way system will continue to operate for drop off and collection.

In order to avoid unnecessary congestion, please ensure you only arrive at school at your allocated time slots. Drop off and pick up times are detailed below. Please do not arrive early.

START TIME	END TIME	YEAR GROUP
8.40	2.55	Year 3, Year 6, Year 1
8.50	3.05	Reception, Year 4, Year 2
9.00	3.15	Nursery, Year 5

Kid's Club will still be available before and after school and during holidays. Should you wish to book a place please contact them directly: 07525171945.

### **Risk Assessment**

We regularly review all our risk assessment procedures in order to ensure we do everything possible to minimise the risk of transmission of infection and keep everyone at school safe. A copy of our Risk Assessment can be found on our school website. In line with current guidance, all staff are undertaking regular Lateral Flow Testing in order to identify asymptomatic cases of COVID.

### **Mandatory Attendance**

Children's attendance in school returns to being mandatory from the 8th March. Absence will therefore be recorded in the usual way, and parents need to inform the office by 9.30am if their child is absent from school. Pupils with COVID



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symptoms must not attend school given the potential risk to others. In line with the most recent guidance (Feb 2021), school reserves the right to refuse your child's attendance pending a negative COVID test, should we feel it is necessary to protect pupils and staff from possible infection.

If your child/ren is absent due to COVID, remote learning will be offered. We will aim to provide this within a day of the start of their absence. For further information about our remote learning offer, please see the school website. However, should your child/ren be absent for other reasons, they would be deemed as being too unwell to undertake work at home.

### School Uniform and Equipment

Children should wear full school uniform. On the day the children have their PE lesson, they should come to school wearing full PE kit. Further information about PE days will be provided by the Class Teachers. As we are required to ensure good ventilation throughout school, we would suggest your child brings an additional warm layer to wear in class should they feel cold. Children should not bring anything in from home other than a coat, packed lunch and drink if appropriate.

However, in order to avoid the sharing of resources in class, children will be given their own set of pens and pencils etc. If possible, please could you provide your child with an empty pencil case which will be left in school. We will have a small supply if this is not possible.

### School Dinners

We are now able to provide the children with the option of a hot meal at lunch time. If your child was having a school meal before the school closure, we will assume that this is still the case. If you would like your child to start having a meal, please contact the school office.

### Statutory Primary Assessments

As you may have seen in the media, all statutory primary assessments for this academic year have been cancelled nationally. The following assessments will not take place this year:

- Year 6 & Year 2 SATs
- Year 4 Multiplication Check
- Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
- Reception Baseline

Please be assured that your child's progress will continue to be monitored through rigorous teacher assessments and this will be reported to you as normal.

Finally, we would like to take the opportunity to thank all of our families for how you have supported our school and your children's learning during this difficult time and sincerely hope that this will be the last time we have to take such extreme measures. On return to school, your child's emotional and mental wellbeing will continue to be at the forefront of all of our minds, as well as their academic learning, so if you have any concerns, please contact our office as soon as possible.

As ever, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Alicia Todhunter  
Headteacher

