

Dudley House School

Newsletter – 4th January 2021



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all.

We are looking forward to welcoming children back to school tomorrow morning, but due to the faster spreading coronavirus variant and the high rate of infections in our Tier 4 area we have tightened procedures further to help mitigate the risk of transmission and keep children and staff as safe as possible.

Morning Procedures

Children should arrive at school just before their start time and wait on the drive to be sent to their classroom. Please walk up the school side of the drive and down the carpark side of the drive.

Class 1 – 8:40 am start

Class 2 & 3 – 8:45 am start

Children must not come to school before these times unless their parents are having to go to work.

For the couple of children who need to be at school from 8:15am, as both parents are not working from home, they should put their bag outside their classroom and walk to the playground and play in their designated area. Please do not bring bags up to the playground.

Assemblies

We will return to having assemblies in the classrooms, so children are kept in their bubbles.

Lunchtimes

Children will continue to eat in separate groups in the hall, but will be seated on individual tables whilst we are in tier 4.

Collection at the end of the day

To minimise people on the site, just one parent per family should collect children at the end of the day. Please walk up the carpark side of the drive and down the school side of drive.

Class 1 parents please wait near the gate. Class 2 and 3 parents please wait against the wall near your child's classroom.

Collection times:

Class 1 – 3:25 pm (Monday to Thursday), 12:25 pm on Friday

Class 2 & 3 – 3:30 pm (Monday to Thursday), 12:30 pm on Friday

Please ensure that you and your children maintain a 2-metre distance from others at all times as you leave the site.

Facemasks

To help mitigate the risk of transmission, can parents and carers please wear a facemask whilst on the school site (drive and building).

Reading books

Children will bring reading books home to practice their reading, please ensure hands are washed before and after reading books, just like they do in school.

Swimming

Due to the coronavirus situation we will be not taking the children swimming this term.

Key Worker Status

Things are changing rapidly at present. In order to help us plan, in case the government decides that schools must close, please can you let us know if you require a key worker place should this be needed. You will be required to provide proof of key worker status.

Other Information

Christmas Fund

Thank you to the parents and staff who donated money to the Christmas Fund. We have bought 3 new scooters with the money given that I am sure the children will enjoy using. If you would still like to donate, if you didn't get chance to before, it's not too late.

Music Lessons

These will start again on Friday.

Clubs

This term the following clubs will be run:

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| Computing Club | 3:35 – 4:30pm | Monday | £3:75 |
| Flex and Tone Club | 3:35 – 4:30pm | Tuesday | £3.75 |
| After School Club | 3:35 – 4:30pm | Wednesday | £3.75 |
| Art Club | 3:35 – 4:30pm | Thursday | £3.75 |
| Friday Club | 12:45 – 3:30pm | Friday | £10.00 |

Places will be limited to 8 children per club and will be allocated to those who need provision and then on a first come first served basis. If you would like your child to attend one of the extra-curricular clubs or stay for Friday or the Wednesday Afterschool club, please complete the attached form and return it to school.

Collection from Clubs

Children staying for extra-curricular clubs should be collected at 4:30pm. Any child remaining after 4:30 will be booked into after school care, which incurs an additional charge of £1:25 (£5.00 in total for the extra-curricular and after school club). After school care finishes at 5:00pm.

Please ring the front door bell and your child will be brought out to you.

Diary Dates

Please find a list of events provisionally planned for this term. However, we may need to change these depending on how the pandemic transpires in the days and weeks to come.

Jenny Johnson
Headteacher

Diary Dates – Spring Term 2021

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| Tuesday 5 th January | - Start of Term |
| Friday 8 th January | - Music lessons begin |
| 18 th - 20 th January | - Skipping Competition |
| 1 st – 5 th February | - Story Telling Week |
| 8 th – 10 th February | - Boccia Competition |
| Tuesday 9 th February | - Safer Internet Day |
| Friday 12 th February | - End of Term |

Half Term

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| Tuesday 23 rd February | - Start of Term |
| Thursday 4 th March | - World Book Day |
| Tuesday 9 th March | - Science Day |
| Wednesday 10 th March | - Parent's Evening |
| Monday 15 th March | - Mother's Day Tea |
| Tuesday 30 th March | - Easter Service ~ 6pm |
| Wednesday 31 st March | - End of Term |

Easter Holiday

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| Monday 19 th April 2021 | - Start of Term |
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