



Donnington Wood Infant School & Nursery

September 2020

Returning to school and nursery

Over the past four months we have worked hard to implement government guidance and put many things in place to ensure children and staff are as safe as possible. We have also done everything we can to make sure school and nursery still feel welcoming and enjoyable.

Following current government guidance we are now planning for all children to attend school and nursery in September. If your child is joining us for the first time in school or nursery you will have received separate information about this.

In this newsletter you will find key information ready for September so that you and your child are prepared for returning and a few of the changes we need to make to keep everyone as safe as possible.



As government guidance is subject to change we will confirm towards the end of August (by email and on our website) that these arrangements are still going ahead in September.

Children

- Children will be in their new class and the two classes in each year group will work as a 'group'. This will remain a consistent group until we are advised to change this by Government guidance
- Staff will work, as far as possible, in only one year group
- Children in each year group will not be expected to socially distance within their group but staff will ensure social distancing between adults and leave as much space as possible between adults and children.
- Staggered and zoned playtimes/lunchtimes will ensure space to eat and play safely
- Increased times outdoors when learning wherever possible

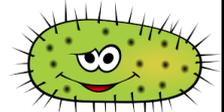


- Identified pathways through school to minimise contact between year groups
- Children given stationery and some resources to use as their own, rather than sharing

Children must bring in their own water bottle and take it home for careful washing each day

Hygiene

- Plenty of soap and disposable towels for children (and staff) will be available, with staff available to supervise regular handwashing/toileting arrangements throughout the day
 - Children must wash their hands before setting off to school and immediately on their return.
 - Increased toilet, classroom and resource cleaning
 - Maintaining social distancing: avoiding anyone with symptoms, frequent hand washing and good respiratory hygiene practices, regular cleaning of the setting, minimising contact and mixing of groups
- We do not require that children wear masks or gloves – this is in line with government guidance.**



What to bring

- Children in school must wear school uniform and will need a PE kit in school every day.
- Children need to bring a suitable coat every day
- Children must bring in their own water bottle and take it home for careful washing each day

Please do not send your child with any additional items

If your child is in nursery you will have received separate information about what they need to wear and bring each day.



To help keep everyone safe **please do not drive onto the school site at the start or end of the day or nursery session.** Please do not park in the Children's Centre car park.



Breakfast Club

7:45—8:45
£2 per day

Breakfast Club will start again in September. Please email school before the end of August if you would like your child to attend so we can make the necessary arrangements.

If you have any questions or queries please email donnwood.infants@taw.org.uk although the office is closed, emails will be checked at intervals over the holidays.

More information on the back



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Learning

Staff are busy planning the curriculum for the start of term in September. We recognise that it will be tricky for some children to return to school and nursery after such a long time at home. Learning will be tailored to support each child, identify any gaps they have and aim to have them back on track as soon as possible.

In addition to curriculum learning we will be working with each class, and individuals as necessary, to support emotions and mental wellbeing.



If you feel that your child is in need of any additional support in relation to returning to school or nursery then please contact us via email (donnwood.infants.taw.org.uk) or tell a member of staff on duty in the morning or afternoon.

Lunchtime

School dinners will be available for all children in school although you may send your child with a packed lunch.



The £15 food vouchers will finish at the end of August as children will be receiving their meals in school.

Drop off / collection

Please avoid arriving early for your child's session so we can avoid people queuing or gathering. Please remember to socially distance if you are waiting. All children must remain with their parents at all times, including older children. If you arrive by car please wait in your car until it is time to come in to school or nursery.

Unfortunately parents are currently not allowed into school or nursery. Any messages can be given to a member of staff on duty outside or by phoning / emailing the school office

Please do not drive on to the site at any time.



Nursery

When you arrive with your child please wait on the zig-zag ramp (socially distanced). Parents will be able to bring their child to the nursery door where they will be greeted by nursery staff. At the end of the session please wait on the zigzag ramp and staff will hand over your child when you reach the top of the ramp.

School

Morning—8:45 – 8:55

Classes 1,2,3,4 (Year 1 & 2) – please take your child to the playground and staff will direct your child to the right classroom.

Class 5 & 6 (Reception) - please follow your 'starter' information for the first day. From the second day of term please take your child to the end of the school building nearest the Reception classrooms and staff will welcome your child in to school



End of the day—3:00

Please wait in the same area where you dropped off in the morning. Staff will send your child out to you.

If you have more than one child then you will need to go to the different places to drop off / collect. Staff are aware that this means some parents may arrive after 3:00 to collect. We expect all children to be collected by 3:10 (school) and 3:15 (nursery).



Attendance

From September school attendance will be compulsory again. This

means that if your child is not attending regularly, the Local Authority may decide to take legal

action against you. Please read the letter which has been sent from Telford & Wrekin Attendance Support Team as this gives all the information you need about returning to school in September.

Illness

- Act quickly if your child is showing any signs of illness - anyone showing symptoms (high temperature, new persistent cough, loss of taste/smell), adult or child, should not attend school / nursery or come on to the site.
- Anyone (child or member of staff) with symptoms will go home immediately and return following government guidelines
- Please notify the office if your child is absent. You must give us the reason for their absence as we are currently required to report certain symptoms.

Bagels at the start of the day and free fruit at break will be back in September. Nursery children will be provided with a healthy snack.

