



Donnington Wood Infant School & Nursery

# March 2021

## Returning to school and nursery

We are really looking forward to welcoming everyone back to nursery and school next Monday. We have seen lots of you when dropping off packs, spoken to you on the phone and seen photos and videos on Tapestry, but we are still excited about welcoming you back.

Lots of things are in place to ensure children and staff are as safe as possible. The system for dropping off and collecting is the same as last term (see the back of this newsletter). We are also doing everything we can to make sure school and nursery feel welcoming and enjoyable.

In this newsletter you will find key information for next week so that you and your child are prepared for returning. See you soon!



## Welcome Back!

If you have any questions or queries please call (386640) or email [donnwood.infants@taw.org.uk](mailto:donnwood.infants@taw.org.uk)

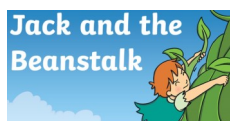


### Home Learning (school)

We have really enjoyed seeing your learning on Tapestry but we really want to have a look at all the different things you

have been doing at home. **Please bring all your home learning books & sheets back to school on Monday in a carrier bag.**

Don't worry if you haven't finished everything, still bring everything back.

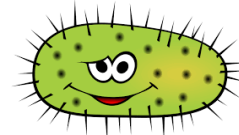


You can keep the scissors, ruler, glue sticks, counters, penguins etc at home.



### Hygiene

- Children will wash their hands when they arrive at school / nursery. There will be plenty of soap and disposable towels for children (and staff), 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.
- We will continue with increased toilet, classroom and resource cleaning; maintaining social distancing; avoiding anyone with symptoms and good respiratory hygiene practices



**We do not require that children wear masks or gloves – this is in line with government guidance.**

**We do not require children to have regular testing. Staff are being tested regularly. Anyone who tests positive or is a close contact of someone who tests positive must self-isolate in line with current government guidance**

## More information on the back



### Children

- Children will be in the same class as they were in December and the two classes in each year group will work as a 'bubble'. The children in Nursery are a 'bubble'.
- 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**



### What to wear and bring (school)

- Children in school must wear school uniform and will need a PE kit in school every day.
- Children need to wear a school jumper / cardigan and a suitable coat every day. Although the heating is on, we are currently also required to keep windows open so there is good ventilation in rooms.
- 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



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## Drop off / collection—the arrangements are the same as they were in December

### 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 your child will enter school through the classroom outside door.

Class 5 & 6 (Reception) - 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).

### Please remember.....

- all adults and secondary age pupils to wear a face covering on our school site. This does not apply to children under the age of 11 or if you are medically exempt. Please ensure you have a face covering at drop off and collection times and do not be offended if members of the staff ask you to wear one. School staff who are on the playground or talking to parents will also be wearing face coverings
- avoid arriving early for your child's session so we can avoid people queuing or gathering
- maintain social distancing between your family and anyone from a different household. All children must remain with their parents at all times, including older children.
- Please only go to your child's drop-off place. Please do not go to other areas with friends / other families. If at all possible **no more than one adult per family** for drop off or collection to reduce the number of people on site.



**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**



### Breakfast Club

7:45—8:45 £2 per day

Breakfast Club will start again from Monday 8th March. **Please email or call school as soon as possible** if you would like your child to attend so we can make the necessary arrangements. We will confirm arrangements by the end of the week.

### 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 stop this week as school reopens from 8th March as children will be receiving their meals in school.



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.



### Attendance

From Monday 8th March 2021 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.

### 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.