



Donnington Wood Infant School & Nursery

September 2021

Returning to school and nursery

We are really looking forward to seeing everyone next week. Over the past eighteen 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.

In this newsletter you will find key information ready for September so that you and your child are prepared for returning and know what to expect. Controls such as good ventilation, handwashing and cleaning **will remain** in place to help control the spread of the virus (and reduce the rates of other infectious illnesses). Other controls which were in place last year (such as year group bubbles) will no longer be in place but we have a clear outbreak management plan which will be reviewed regularly.



Children

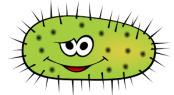
- Children will be in their new class and the two classes in each year group will work together.
- Mixing between year groups is allowed but will be kept to a minimum and regularly reviewed.
- Children in school must wear school uniform and will need to bring their PE kit to school in a bag (it can stay on their peg during the week).
- 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

Hygiene

- Regular handwashing will continue.
- 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
- Increased toilet, classroom and resource cleaning will continue
- All rooms will be well ventilated



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

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.

Drop off / collection

The requirements to socially distance and wear face coverings have now ended but we would still encourage parents to do everything they can to reduce the risk of spreading infection. The wearing of face coverings is optional and we ask that you respect those who also wish to continue to maintain social distancing.

Many of the systems we had in place last year have proved effective and ensured a smooth start and end to the day. Parents are not allowed into the building (other than the office entrance area). Any messages for staff can be given to a member of staff on duty outside or by phoning / emailing the school office.

Nursery

When you arrive with your child please wait on the zig-zag ramp. 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

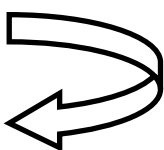
Classes 1,2,3,4 (Year 1 & 2) – please take your child to the playground and staff will direct your child to the right classroom.

Class 5 & 6 (Reception) - please 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

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Learning

Staff are busy planning the curriculum for the start of term in September. We know how hard the children worked last year and the fantastic progress they made. Learning will be tailored to support each child and ensure they achieve their best. In addition to curriculum learning we will be working with each class, and individuals as necessary, to support emotions and mental wellbeing.



If you have any questions about your child's learning or wellbeing then please contact us via email (donnwood.infants@taw.org.uk) or speak to 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.



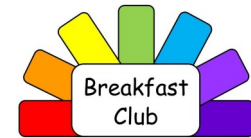
Nursery 15 hours and 30 hours free childcare available. Please contact the office for more information.



If your child was in Nursery or school last year you will have been set up on Tapestry. Please check that you can still access the app. If your child is joining us this term we will send more information about Tapestry soon.



If you did not activate your account last year, or are having problems accessing it then please let us know so we can sort this as soon as possible.



Breakfast Club

7:45—8:45

£2 per day

Breakfast Club will start again from Monday 6th September.

Please come to the hall doors.

Illness

What do I do if my child is displaying symptoms or is not well?

Children should **not** attend school if they have main symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, new persistent cough, lack of taste/smell) – they should isolate, get a PCR and **only return if the PCR is negative and they are better** (and 24 hours free of any fever and 48 hours free of any diarrhoea/vomiting). If we identify a child in school with the main symptoms of COVID-19, we will ring you and advise you that they need to be picked up and should not attend school – they should remain off school and a PCR test should be carried out. If the PCR comes back negative and they are well, they can return to school straight away. Positive cases will continue to self-isolate for 10 days.

If children have 'precautionary symptoms', which is basically any cold, flu or stomach bug symptoms, they should take a PCR test, but we would not expect them to miss school unless they were too ill or if there were linked factors such as them being the known contact of a positive case. It should be noted that school can take the decision to refuse a child in school if we deem it necessary to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection with COVID-19. Clearly, we want all children in school, everyday and hence the decision to refuse entry would be based on high levels of risk to others.

What do I do if someone in my house tests positive?

We ask that you inform the health teams and us immediately if there is a positive case in your household please. It should be noted that school is no longer expected to carry-out contact tracing; this will be done by national Test & Trace teams. Whoever has been identified as close contacts will be contacted by national test and trace teams. They will be advised to take a PCR. If you are contacted by Track and Trace and told your child is a close contact, please tell us straight away. Pupils who have been identified as close contacts **will** be allowed to attend school if they **do not** have any symptoms.

Please notify the office if your child is absent for any reason. You will need to give us the reason for the absence so that we can complete registers accurately and continue to manage risk assessments and arrangements.