

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! It is absolutely wonderful to see all of the children back at school, smiling and excited to return to their classrooms and see their friends. I think that the teachers and support staff were nearly as excited as the children to be returning to school; we really have missed them all so much!

# WELCOME BACK!



The return to school has definitely provided us all with the first step on the country's journey back to normality but please remember that England is still in a national lockdown. We must stay at home, leaving only for permitted reasons. Please see the link for further information on current laws. [National lockdown: stay at home guidance](#)

## Timings

The staggered timings are aimed at minimising the number of adults and children gathering on site at any one time and to reduce the traffic/crowd congestion outside the front of the school as much as possible. Can we ask that you stick to your timings, particularly after school, as the children will be brought out in groups at their time slot- arriving early increases the number of adults gathering and waiting on the school site.

Please remember that these measures at the start and end of the day are to protect you, your families and our staff. There is another reminder of the timings at the end of this letter.

## Changes to collection arrangements

Please let the **school office** know if there are any changes to your collection arrangements, either by telephone (after 2.30pm) or via email [office@donisthorpe.leics.sch.uk](mailto:office@donisthorpe.leics.sch.uk).

## Face Coverings

Please remember to wear a face covering on the school site when dropping off and collecting your child/ren.

## PE

As was the case before Christmas, children should come to school on PE days dressed in their school outdoor PE kit. Our school PE uniform kit is:

- ✓ Blue school logo PE shirt (or plain royal blue/white T-Shirt)
- ✓ Blue or black shorts/track suit or jogging bottoms with sweatshirt
- ✓ Trainers

Children may also wear their Donisthorpe fleece, or a skin underneath their PE kit during the colder weather. It is important that children are in the correct school PE uniform as it is much smarter in class and helps the

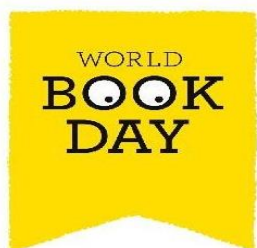
**REMEMBER if your child is displaying ANY of the three main Covid symptoms:**

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

You **MUST** request a COVID test immediately. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

*(Other less common symptoms are: diarrhoea, headache, sore throat, fatigue)*

children to focus on their work. Please contact school if you have any questions about the PE kit.



**World Book Day**

Thank you to everyone who entered this year's World Book Day vegetable character competition. We hope the children enjoyed taking part as much as the staff enjoyed looking at all the wonderful and imaginative creations! Mrs Moore and Miss Bloor had a very difficult job choosing the winning entries from each year group!



**Red Nose Day**

On **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March** we are raising money for Red Nose Day. We are inviting children to wear something **red** for a suggested donation of £1. This year it has never been more important to have some fun together and to raise money to support people living through these incredibly tough times!

Since Red Nose Day first launched in 1988, Comic Relief has continued to make a difference across the lives of millions of people within the UK and around the world. Thanks to your donations you are helping Comic Relief to make a difference across the lives of millions of people by tackling important issues including; homelessness, hunger, domestic abuse and mental health stigma, all of which have been impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sylvie Newman'.

Sylvie Newman  
Executive Headteacher

<b>Diary Dates</b>		
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Red Nose Day wear something <b>red</b> for a suggested donation of £1	
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	School closes for Easter	
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	School reopens for Summer term	See timings below
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	School closed May Bank Holiday	
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	School closed for half term	
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	School reopens	See timings below
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	School closed for Summer holidays	
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August</b>	School reopens for Autumn Term	
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August</b>	School closed for Bank Holiday	

<b>Staggered Timings</b>	<b>Drop off</b>	<b>Collection</b>
<b>Surnames A to F</b>	8.40am	2.50pm
<b>Surnames G to Q</b>	8.50am	3.00pm
<b>Surnames R to Z</b>	9.00am	3.10pm