

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure that you will all now be aware of the extension to the current COVID-19 measures announced by the Government on Monday. This means that we will not be able to make any further relaxations to our risk assessments and will have to wait until the new academic year to get truly back to normal in school. We are as frustrated as I am sure you are, but we must follow the DfE and PHE guidance- with Covid cases on the rise again, we do not want to do anything that involves the children crossing bubbles inside as this could result in having to close to a class- which we do not want to do, especially in the run up to the summer holidays!



## Post Covid

As a staff team we have started to make plans for September and are thinking about what are going to be the 'Covid keepers' post pandemic. We asked for your views in our recent survey and have considered them when making our plans. We will be keeping the staggered drop off window but there will be one collection time. After the summer the timings of the school day will be as follows:

## New School Timings for Autumn Term 2021

### Arrangements for drop off:

- Staggered drop off
  - Doors open at **8.35am** close at **8.55am**- you can come anytime during this window, please try to spread out to ensure that congestion is eased
  - Year 1 door for Year 1 children upwards
  - EYFS playground gate for EYFS children
- If you arrive after 8.55am please report to the school office
- Registration 8.55am to 9.00am

### Arrangements for the collection:

- Playground gate opens at 3.05pm for parents to wait on the playground
- All children finish at 3.10pm (inc EYFS)
  - EYFS released from the classroom
  - Y1/Y2/Y3 will be brought out onto the playground to be released
  - Y4/Y5/Y6 will be released from canopy- if your child has permission to walk home they will be able to go straight out at 3.10pm

**The one-way system will remain in place- parents enter through pedestrian gate and exit through large playground gate onto the drive**

We believe that these new timings will help to ease congestion on Ashby road at the start of the day, whilst moving back to one collection time will provide parents with a chance to once again meet other families. Our break and lunchtimes will go back to normal times and we will be providing daily hot dinners again- we can't wait!

We also intend to continue to let the children wear PE kit on outdoor PE day as this allows more time for sport. These changes are subject to the government removing all of the current restrictions on schools. We will confirm details before the start of the new term.

### Parent Code of Conduct

At Donisthorpe Primary School, we are very fortunate to have a supportive and friendly parent body who recognise that educating children is a process that involves partnership between home and school. During the pandemic we have faced many challenges, the children have really struggled and have missed out on many things. The children (and staff) are all very tired and will welcome a break over the summer. Donisthorpe staff continue to work tirelessly to support the them through this period.



As we know from our work as educators, sometimes children make mistakes. Sometimes children can be unkind or are overly rough with their peers, which can be distressing for all concerned. As teachers, and with the support of parents, it is our job to help the children learn from their mistakes, put in appropriate consequences and encourage children to use different strategies in the future. We have a positive behaviour policy which aims to celebrate and praise the good work and achievement of the children.



Sometimes there will be occasions when a parent needs to talk to a teacher about concerns that they may have about their child and sometimes school will contact you to discuss our own concerns. We believe that staff, visitors and children are entitled to a safe and protective environment. We expect parents, carers and visitors to:



- Respect the caring ethos of our school
- Understand that both teachers and parents need to work together for the benefit of their children
- Demonstrate that *all* members of the school community should be treated with respect and therefore set a good example in their own speech and behaviour
- Work with the school to reconcile a child's perception of events with other points of view in order to bring about a peaceful solution to any issues
- Approach the school to help resolve any issues of concern- please do not contact another parent or approach someone else's child in order to discuss or chastise them because of the actions of this child towards your own child.

### End of Year Reports

Children's end of year reports will be sent home on **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June**. We will be sending out a link to a short survey on the same day which can be used if you would like to make any comments or to arrange a telephone call to discuss your child's report with their class teacher.

## Transition

As I write this newsletter we do not think that Year 6 transition to Ivanhoe will go head as they are unable to safely accommodate children from the many different feeder primary schools, whilst keeping them in their distinct school bubbles.

We still intend to do our normal in school move up sessions, when the children spend time in their new class with their new teachers. As the children will move as a class/bubble and rooms/equipment will be wiped down in between sessions, we can still go ahead safely. Whilst this is taking place the Year 6 children will have an extra Forest School session- information will be sent out to Year 6 families nearer the time.

## Have your say on new school term date options

Leicestershire County Council have launched a public consultation on school term and holiday dates for the five years between Autumn 2022 and Summer 2027.

They are seeking to capture people's views on three suggested options. The proposals cover term dates running for five years from Autumn 2022 to Summer 2027 and include:

- Keeping the 'traditional' county term time pattern, which offers an earlier summer holiday but means a longer autumn term
- Aligning the autumn and spring breaks in line with most other authorities, including Leicester City, but again means a longer autumn term
- Introducing a two-week autumn half-term break. This would leave terms 'more balanced' across the whole year but would result in shorter Easter break

More detailed information on these proposals and a chance to have your say via a short questionnaire can be accessed here [www.leicestershire.gov.uk/term-dates-consultation](http://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/term-dates-consultation)

The closing date for the consultation is **midnight on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July**.

## Covid-19

If there is a positive case of Covid with a child or a member of staff, the bubble will need to isolate for 10 days, and they will all receive remote learning.

## 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/>

**Please remember that if your child has symptoms they must get a full PCR test.**

Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

Regards,



Sylvie Newman,  
Executive Headteacher

<b>Diary Dates</b>		
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 6 Reward Trip to Drayton Manor	
<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>Forest School Dates</b>		
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	Year 6	All Day

<b>EYFS and Year 1 Forest School</b>		
<b>Year 1</b>	Every Friday (Last session is on Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June)	AM
<b>EYFS</b>	Every Friday (Last session is on Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June)	PM

<b>EYFS and Year 1 Multi-Sports Club</b>		
<b>Year 1</b>	Every Tuesday (Last session is on Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June)	3.10pm - 4.00pm
<b>EYFS</b>	Every Wednesday (Last session is on Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June)	3.10pm - 4.00pm