

Dear Parents and Carers,

New EYFS parents (2022 intake) Open Evening

Do you have a child who is due to start school in September 2022? Choosing your child's school is an important decision. This evening is aimed at giving new parents as much information as possible in order to help them make the right decision. Our Open Evening will take place on **Thursday 28th October 2021 at 6.30pm**. There will be a short presentation followed by a chance to tour our amazing EYFS base and talk informally to staff. We will be advertising this event locally, but if you or someone you know is interested in attending, they can book a place by contacting the school office.

Harvest Collection for Ashby Foodbank 2021

We will be collecting tinned goods, dried foods and other non-perishables to donate to the Marlene Reid Centre. Donations should be brought to school at the beginning of the day on Wednesday 6th October.



Sporting news

It is great to be back attending sport festivals and playing fixtures! Congratulations to our Year 5/6 tag Rugby team who played really well at the North West Leicestershire School Sports Partnership (NWLSSP) Tag Rugby Festival at Ashby Rugby Club- winning the competition! Well done children and thank you to Mr Sherlock and the parents who went along to support our team!

Back Holiday School Closure for Queen's Platinum Jubilee

School will be closed on **Friday 8th July** in lieu of the Bank Holiday to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This date may differ from feeder secondary schools who may not be closed on the same day.

Term Dates

Following consultation, Leicestershire County Council has now released terms dates for the next few years. They are available on our school website or on the LA website: <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/popular-now/school-term-dates>

Contact

Please only send emails to the SLT email address if you have a concern that needs addressing by a member of the senior team.

Please let the school office know if there are any changes to collection arrangements or if you need to inform school about an absence either by telephone or via email office@donishorpe.leics.sch.uk

End of the day arrangements

As you will be aware, the end of the school day is a very busy time with lots of children and adults on the school site. We have a range of procedures in place to keep the children as safe as possible.

To help the children locate their adults we ask that parents try to stand in the same place each day.

Please may we kindly ask you not to stand in the main walkways or around the school gates. It is crucial that these areas have clear visibility. Although we do all that we can to maximise your children's safety please can we remind you that it is your responsibility to arrive on time to collect your child or let the office know if you are running late, so that a member of staff can be responsible for your child until you arrive.

Remember to be considerate to our neighbours when parking on Ashby Road at the end of the day. Please do not turn around in the road and if possible avoid parking on Ashby Road at all, walk, cycle or scoot to school. Thank you for keeping our community safe.



Vacancy- Would you like to join our team?

We currently have a vacancy for a Kitchen Assistant.

Monday and Tuesday 11.30am to 1.00pm

Full training is provided.

For further details and an application form, please contact the school office.

Apply for a School Place – Primary/Secondary

It is fast approaching the time when Year 6 parents need to apply for their secondary school places. To assist you in this, the feeder secondary schools have held open evenings over the last few weeks. The deadline for applying for a Secondary School place is **31st October 2021**.

The deadline for applying for a Primary School place is **15th January 2022**. For both applications, the simplest way is online at: <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools-colleges-and-academies/school-admissions>

If you need any further information, please contact the Admissions team on admissions@leics.gov.uk or 0116 305 6684.

Are you entitled to free afterschool clubs, school trips, milk and school lunches?

Children of families in receipt of certain benefits may be eligible for additional funding – Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) - which we can use to provide free clubs, trips, milk and lunches for your child. Even if you don't wish to take advantage of any of these, school can still claim much-needed funding for those who are eligible. Under current rules the funding lasts for 6 years, even if your circumstances change in that time. If you have not already applied, or if your circumstances have changed recently, we would encourage you to check eligibility and apply online. Please contact the school office for more details.

Covid

We have unfortunately had a few confirmed positive cases of coronavirus at school. Under new DfE guidance close contacts are now identified via NHS Test and Trace and schools are no longer expected to undertake contact tracing. Contacts from a school will only be traced by NHS Test and Trace where the positive case and/or their parent specifically identifies the individual as being a close contact.

If your child has symptoms they must still get a PCR test and isolate until they get the result.

If your child is identified as a close contact via NHS Test and Trace, you should book a PCR. They do not have to isolate unless the PCR test comes back positive.

During this time, we continue to have the following control measures in place:

- Ensuring good hygiene for everyone
- Maintaining thorough cleaning regimes

- Keeping occupied spaces well ventilated

We would encourage parents with any concerns to book a PCR test for their child.

If you have any questions about this or anything else, please telephone school or email office@donisthorpe.leics.sch.uk

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sylvie Newman".

Sylvie Newman
Executive Headteacher