

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have all had to adapt to new ways of working, so I wanted to take the opportunity to say what an amazing job you're doing supporting your child's wellbeing and learning during this time.

It's definitely been a strange and challenging time, so it's ok if you and your child feel wobbly and worried at the moment. We're here for you every step of the way as we figure this all out together.

Remember, if you have any concerns about helping your child at home or you need any other support from the school, please let us know by emailing slt@donisthorpe.leics.sch.uk.



We miss the children very much, but we must follow the government's guidance to keep everyone in our community safe. But just because we're not all in the same building, doesn't mean we can't have some fun together! Your children will have lots of activities they can get stuck into over the summer term – so keep a close eye on the school website we are adding things all the time...there is even a virtual assembly you can watch at home! We also love seeing the children's fantastic learning– please keep sending their work in via Seesaw as teachers love seeing it!

We can't say yet when we'll be able to open the school fully, and when we do I think that things will look very different for a while, but rest assured that we will continue doing our utmost to keep your child learning and our school community connected.

Trips and Visits

Before the school closed to the majority of children, we had some trips and visits booked. The Year 5/6 Warning Visit has been cancelled. Money paid to school for this trip will be refunded over the next few weeks.

Regarding the 3/4 London trip (June) and the 5/6 France residential (November), we do not yet know if these trips will go ahead. We cannot cancel them as any money paid to date will be lost so we are waiting to hear from the travel companies and will follow their advice.

Safeguarding Concerns during School Closure

We continue to work hard to do everything we reasonably can to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our children, whilst they are not in school. I am sure you will appreciate that there are limits to this during these unprecedented times. We would therefore recommend that you:

- Monitor closely your child's activity online and on social media
- If your child is being seriously abused online, contact the police
- Let us know if there have been any issues that we need to be aware of as soon as possible so we can respond promptly and appropriately when school reopens. We will be monitoring the slt@donisthorpe.leics.sch.uk daily
- Contact Social Services if you feel they should be made aware of an issue. You can make an online referral via the following link:



<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/community-safety/reportabuse-or-neglect-of-a-child>

- Contact the police straight away if you believe a child is in immediate danger

New EYFS children 2020

We now have our list for September 2020 and we are really looking forward to meeting our new children. Like most schools around the UK, we would usually invite parents into school for information sessions and arrange for children to meet their teachers. However we are now thinking about alternative ways of helping new starters with the move to 'big school'.

We are creating a **New EYFS Starters** page on our school website- over the coming weeks we will be adding some useful information here. We will text new parents a link to this page when it goes live!

Year 6 to Year 7 Transition

As well as welcoming our new children we are preparing to say goodbye to our current Year 6. We have regular communication with Ivanhoe and other high schools and they are working hard to ensure a smooth transfer from primary to secondary school. We will update you when we know more.

Requests for child care

Government advice remains that the safest place for everyone, including children is at home. We have a skeleton staff and are open for the children of critical workers only i.e. parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response and for vulnerable children. However, many of these parents are able to ensure their child is kept at home.

Any children attending are required to complete a registration form. We will ask for details of your employer: please do not be offended if we contact them to verify your critical worker status.

Information for Critical worker parents regarding childcare at school

Remote Paediatric First Aid

As a result of the Coronavirus outbreak, we are now in the unfortunate position that we will not be able to guarantee that a Paediatric First Aider will be on site every day, due to self-isolation or illness. We are now operating a remote service with Paediatric First Aid qualified staff. In the unlikely event that your child were to become unwell or injured in school during this period, they would be assessed onsite by a basic first aider and if the illness/injury was judged to be anything other than minor, a Paediatric First Aider would be remotely contacted via video conferencing.

Registration Forms

Please remember to let us know if any of the information on your registration form changes.

Friday 8th May

Please can any critical worker parents let us know if they need child care on Friday 8th May this is a Bank Holiday and school will only remain open if there is urgent need.

Remember, stay safe and stay at home.

Regards,



Sylvie Newman
Executive Headteacher