

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for the fantastic support that you have given us over the past couple of months. We really do feel thankful for all of your messages; it has made an incredibly difficult time a lot easier.

As many of you are aware, we have been updated by the Government regarding any developments during the pandemic relevant to schools, at the same time that you are. The senior team and governors regularly adapt risk assessments when announcements are made, taking into account the impact that these have on our school, and ultimately our children.



Many of you have questions regarding arrangements for the summer holidays and for when the children return in the autumn term. Our position is the same as the vast majority of other schools in the country; we are still awaiting further guidance from the Government, until this is received we cannot give our families any exact details.

However, I think it is only fair to inform you that as I write this newsletter **we do not plan to open the school over the summer break**. Many staff have worked throughout the pandemic without a break and to ensure the health and wellbeing of the staff in the long term, we intend to close as planned on Friday 10th July to all children, including those of key workers. The Government may direct us to open and if this is the case I will inform you, but I feel that parents need as much notice as possible so that they can make alternative arrangements.

The Prime Minister has pledged that all schools will reopen fully after the summer. Without some significant changes to the current guidelines, I am not sure how this will be possible. Again, we are still awaiting further guidance from the Government. After the summer, until we are directed further we are planning a part time, phased return to school, with blended home learning in order to transition all children back into school. There will be additional transition for our most vulnerable children and those with SEND. This is so that the children are sure of routines and are familiar with their new teachers and classmates, before all children return fully.

As with all of our planning, the aim is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the children and staff. This provisional plan is subject to change when we receive further guidance from the government. We will confirm exact details as soon as we are able to.

Reports

Teachers have been working hard to complete reports during the lockdown period, they will be in a slightly different format and will be posted out on Friday 3rd July. If your child is in school, they will be given their report to bring home to you. Your child's report takes into account the work they had completed at school up until the end of March when lockdown began.

Staffing

After the summer, we are looking forward to properly welcoming back Mrs Moore from maternity leave and will be saying goodbye to Miss Nicholls-Sykes as her contract to cover maternity leave has now ended. I would like to thank Miss Nicholls-Sykes for her hard work over the last two years; we will all really miss her! Further details on the class structure for September will be included with your child's end of year report.

France 2020

The trip will go ahead as planned. Can all parents whose children are booked on the France 2020 residential, please indicate via email no later than 1st July if they still wish to keep their place on the trip.

slt@donisthorpe.leics.sch.uk Please do so even if you have already completed the previous survey to avoid any confusion.

Any outstanding balance for the trip must be paid no later than Friday 10th July.

School Uniform in September

After the summer break, whatever reopening looks like, we will be expecting children to return to school in full Donisthorpe Uniform. Details of our school uniform are below.

Please be reassured that that when pupils *are* back in school, we will continue to focus on a careful, sympathetic and positive approach to supporting them back into school routines. We are all very aware that child mental health is of key importance in our children's development and this will continue to be a priority. If you have any questions, you can call school or email slt@donisthorpe.leics.sch.uk, we are happy to help.

Regards,



Sylvie Newman
Executive Headteacher

School Uniform in September

Please remember that our school uniform is:

- ✓ Royal blue Donisthorpe Primary School cardigan/sweatshirt with Logo
- ✓ White shirt or polo shirt with/without logo *or* royal blue polo shirt with/without logo- *Please note light/pale blue polo shirts are NOT acceptable.*
- ✓ Grey/black trousers, shorts or skirt/pinafore
- ✓ Blue checked summer dress
- ✓ White/grey/black socks or white/grey/black/royal blue tights
- ✓ Black school shoes



Footwear

Children should wear black school **shoes** for school. They should not wear heeled shoes, 'Ugg' style boots, knee-high boots or trainers. In the winter boots may be worn to school and changed into for break/lunch times. (If in doubt please speak to the Headteacher before purchasing footwear.)

PE Uniform

PE kits are essential. PE kit should be named and stored in a named PE Bag. A School PE bag can be purchased from our uniform suppliers.

Indoor

- ✓ Blue school logo PE shirt (or plain royal

Outdoor

- ✓ Blue school logo PE shirt (or plain royal

blue/white T-Shirt)

- ✓ Blue or black shorts
- ✓ Plimsolls

blue/white T-Shirt)

- ✓ Blue or black shorts/track suit or jogging bottoms with sweatshirt
- ✓ Trainers

Jewellery

Stud earrings and a watch are the only forms of jewellery permitted. If your child does wear earrings, these need to be removed or covered with 'micropore' tape for PE. It is the responsibility of the parents to provide their child with 'micropore' tape.

Please remember that hair accessories should be kept to a minimum, extravagant fashion items are not permitted and that hair is an appropriate colour and style for school.

Please name all items, including shoes and coats, to ensure lost items can be identified and quickly returned to their owner!