



DISHFORTH C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 4th September 2020

Dear Parents / Carers

We are all very much looking forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday after what has been a challenging year for everyone with the pandemic and I just wanted to send out this letter ahead of the start of the new academic year.

Firstly, I would like to thank Mrs Brooks for her support over the summer break in ensuring a thorough handover. I am very much looking forward to being the Head Teacher at Dishforth C of E Primary School this year as well as at Dishforth Airfield. The two schools have many strengths and shared priorities which will enable us to work closely together in order to benefit the children and the staff.

I will be in each school every day as follows:

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning	Dishforth Airfield	Dishforth C of E Primary	Dishforth Airfield	Dishforth C of E Primary	Dishforth Airfield
Afternoon	Dishforth C of E Primary	Dishforth Airfield	Dishforth C of E Primary	Dishforth Airfield	Dishforth C of E Primary

Breakfast and After School Club

Thank you to all the parents who responded to the letter regarding Breakfast and After School Club that was sent out in July. This has helped with planning the provision which will start on Tuesday 8th September.

The club will be run by Mrs Joanne Burgess who will also be a Teaching Assistant at the school.

Breakfast Club timings will be: 7.45am-8.45am

After school timings will be: from when school finishes (either end time) – 4.30pm or until 5.15pm

If you would like to use the provision and have not booked a place then please email admin@dishforth.n-yorks.sch.uk before Tuesday – thank you.

Arrangements for full opening of school – Tuesday 8th September 2020

The following information is a reminder about the arrangements for the full opening of school which were communicated in July.

Dear Parents / Carers

We are looking forward to seeing your child / children on Tuesday 8th September – the first day of the autumn term and new academic year.

The Government released guidance last week and we have been working through this in order to ensure we are meeting the requirements.

The guidance can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

Attendance

From September, attendance is compulsory for children of school age. All children must attend unless a statutory reason applies, for example, they are unwell, the pupil has been granted leave of absence or is absent for a necessary religious observance.

Uniform

All children are to wear their school uniform every day from the 8th September. Children are to wear school shoes with their school uniform – not trainers.

Please bring PE kits into school in a separate named bag. Children need a plain white t-shirt, navy / black shorts and trainers – all named. As the weather turns colder, a plain navy or black tracksuit can be worn and I would also recommend a lightweight waterproof jacket. PE can take place in most weathers outside if children have the correct clothing! Children **should not** bring any other bags to school unless they are having a packed lunch.

Staggered school day times

The Local Authority have provided all North Yorkshire schools with a risk assessment to complete. As a school we have worked through this and put the following measures in place to ensure the safety of all children, staff, parents and carers.

Please note the following measures are in place and need strictly adhering to:

- **Only one parent to drop off and pick up at the designated time. Please ensure that children are dropped off promptly – to ensure social distancing can take place, it is really important that children do not arrive before or after their allocated time.**
- **Please continue to follow the one-way system which has been in place during the summer term.**
- **Once you have dropped off or collected your child, please leave the school site promptly, following the one-way system.**
- **Children in Class 2 and Class 3 are encouraged to say good bye in the car-park and walk round to the main playground independently. Staff will be in the playground to meet them.**
- **Parents should adhere to the social distancing between themselves.**
- **If you need to speak to office staff please telephone – do not come into the school building or cloakrooms.**
- **If your child is unwell do not send them to school.**
- **If you or your child displays symptoms of coronavirus, please do not come to school but inform us of the symptoms and arrange to be tested. Please inform school of the outcome**

Following guidance, we are continuing with a staggered start and finish to the school day – please see the timetable below.

Year group	Location	Start and finish times
Reception and Nursery	EYFS playground	8.45am – 3.15pm
Class 1 (Year 1 and 2)	School playground	8.55am – 3.25pm
Class 2 (Year 3 and 4)	School playground	8.55am – 3.25pm
Class 3 (Year 5 and 6)	School playground	8.45am – 3.15pm

Nursery sessions: if your child attends a morning session only then this is from 8.45am – 11.45am
If your child attends an afternoon session only then this is from 12.15pm - 3.15pm

Siblings

If you have more than one child attending the school then please note the following: where there are siblings in different year groups, Parents should **drop off and collect all children at the agreed time for the earlier child.**

Autumn Term Lunch Menu

The school dinner menu is available on our website. Cook will be providing meals as normal. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a universal free school meal. Children in Years 3-6 can order a meal when they are in school and this will be charged to their Parentpay account or they can bring a packed lunch into school. School meals are £2.70 for Years 3-6 and £1.90 for nursery child and should be paid for in advance.

If you do have any questions, please do contact school: admin@dishforth.n-yorks.sch.uk

Kind regards

Mrs Julie Lyon

Head Teacher