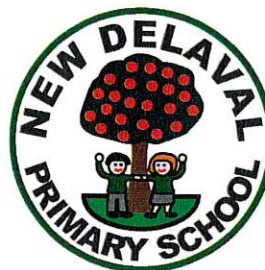


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Dear Parents / Carers

With the start of the new term now firmly in sight I am aware that thoughts will be turning to the new school year. After the publication of DfE and local authority guidance in recent days I am now, as promised able to share some organisational information with you ahead of next week when the children return to school on **Wednesday 8th September**.

Whilst **some** of the COVID restrictions have now been relaxed at this time some remain in place as we continue to proceed with an air of caution.

- We will return to our usual pre-COVID start and finish times for the school day, that is lessons start at 8.45am start and finish at 3.15pm for all children [see below for further details].
- However, gates will open from **8.30am** and we would encourage parents to drop children at the classroom door where they will be able to come into school and start their morning jobs ahead of lessons starting at 8.45am. This will allow parents to be able to leave the site promptly and not have to hang around in all weathers! It will also help to develop independence skills in the children.
- At lunchtime we can have more classes in the hall at a given time.
- Children will be able to mix with friends at lunchtime and playtimes more freely.
- If a child or staff member tests positive for COVID there is no longer the requirement that the whole class 'bubble' will need to self-isolate. The individual concerned will need to isolate for 10 days, but unless anyone else develops symptoms/has a positive test they can remain in school.
- Please ensure your child is dressed for the season and has a sweatshirt/jumper and a warm coat as we head into the cooler months.
- All staff will continue to take twice weekly lateral flow tests.
- P.E. kit should be in school all week. Some P.E. sessions will be held outdoors so a warm tracksuit will be needed in addition to shorts and t-shirts.
- Dinner money and letters will continue to be collected from the classroom.
- Children attending our Nursery will attend the session allocated either am or pm. My staff will have notified you of your session at the end of last term. Please contact the school office via email or telephone if you are unsure.
- We are thrilled to be able to once again welcome parents onto the school site to drop off and collect children outside classrooms. However, at this time parents are not able to come into the building.
- School office staff are contactable via telephone or email only.

- Breakfast Club – I hope to start Breakfast Club from week 3. The cost for all children including those entitled to Free School Meals will be £2 per child per session. A letter will follow shortly when we return to school and places will be allocated on a first come basis.

Some general information regarding dropping off/collecting your children:

- I ask that you respect others and keep your distance when on the school site, be aware that many people will still be anxious about mixing in larger groups and I ask that you do not hang around school following drop off/pick up times.
- Whilst masks are no longer specifically required on the school site I understand that many will still feel that wearing a face covering is something they wish to do to protect themselves and others while on site.
- Please continue to limit the number of adults accompanying a child to/from school to one adult wherever possible.
- I ask that parents leave via the same gate they entered site.
- The Pavilion gate onto the Reception playground will continue to be used for entry and exit for **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children only**.
- **All other year groups – except Nursery and 2's will continue to come into school through the main pedestrian gate.**

Year Group	Classroom open from	Gate	Departure Time	Gate/Area
Nursery 2 year olds	8.30 am 12.30pm	Nursery Gate	11.45am 3.15pm – 3.30pm	Nursery Gate
Reception	8.30 – 8.45am	Pavilion Gate	3.15pm	Via pavilion gate onto the Reception playground .
Year 1	8.30 – 8.45 am	Pavilion Gate	3.15pm	Children will enter/leave from the pavilion gate .
Year 2	8.30- 8.45am	Pavilion Gate	3.15pm	Children will enter/leave from the pavilion gate .
Year 3	8.30- 8.45am	Main Gate	3.15pm	Children will enter/leave from the main gate .
Year 4/5	8.30- 8.45am	Main Gate	3.15pm	Children will enter/leave from the main gate .
Year 4	8.30- 8.45am	Main Gate	3.15pm	Children will enter/leave from the main gate .
Year 5	8.30- 8.45am	Main Gate	3.15pm	Children will enter/leave from the main gate .
Year 6	8.30- 8.45am	Main Gate	3.15pm	Children will enter/leave from the main gate .

Keeping in touch, meeting staff and seeing the classrooms:

We hope to make greater use of Tapestry for EYFS children and Google Classroom for all other year groups this year in terms of teacher/parent communication. Class teachers/support staff will also be available at the start/end of the school day if you need to speak to them. However, experience shows that this is not always the best setting to have a lengthy conversation with a member of staff. A telephone call or appointment after school allows for a more productive meeting.

COVID update regarding testing and expectations for school

- If your child tests positive they **MUST NOT** attend school and they will be required to self-isolate.
- If any child is required to self-isolate then remote learning will be provided, via Tapestry or Google Classroom.
- Any close contacts of someone who tests positive will be identified and contacted via NHS Test and Trace.

I can appreciate there is a lot of information within this letter, if you have any further queries the school office will be open on the mornings of Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th of September to answer any telephone queries you may have.

We look forward to seeing the children back to school on **Wednesday 8th September.**

Yours sincerely



Mrs D T Worrall
Headteacher