

26th February 2021

Re-opening Whole School Provision on Monday 8th March 2021: Procedural Letter for parents

Dear Parents & Carers,

We are all excited about welcoming back all pupils to Daubeney Primary as of **Monday 8th March 2021**.

We know that 2021 thus far has been a challenging time for all of our pupils and parents, and we thank you all for the hard work and personal sacrifices you have all made to help support your child(ren) with their home learning whilst school has been partially closed.

As we prepare to re-open for all pupils, just as we did in September 2020, the school will follow government guidance to ensure that the school site is as COVID secure as is practicably possible. Please read both the government guidance for parents / carers [Guidance for parents - Autumn Term](#) (ignore the Autumn tag – it has been updated for February 2021) as well as the rest of this letter as it provides details of what life at Daubeney will look like for your child(ren) upon their return.

Deciding to send your child in:

- School attendance will again be **mandatory from Monday 8th March 2021**. For parents and carers of children of compulsory school age, this means that the legal duty on you as a parent to send your child to school regularly will apply.
- A small number of pupils will still be unable to attend in line with public health advice because they are self-isolating and have had symptoms or a positive test result themselves, or because they are a close contact of someone who has coronavirus (COVID-19). If your child is unable to attend school for this reason, you should talk to us about what support is in place in terms of remote education.

School Start and Finish times & Entrances and Exits:

	Nursery	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Start	8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45	9:00	9:00	8:30
Finish	3:30	3:15	3:15	3:15	3:15	3:30	3:30	3:45
Enter & Exit	Daubeney Road	Durrington Road Reception Gate	Daubeney Road Year 1 Gate	Durrington Road 'Bus' Gate	Daub. Road Main gate	Daub. Road Main gate	Durrington Road 'Bus' Gate	Daub. Road Main gate

Please make sure that all pupils arrive promptly for the start of the school day. We have very limited time between the arrival of different year groups – we appreciate your support in this matter.

Child drop off:

- Only one parent / carer to drop child at school
- A SLT member will be at the gate to greet you
- Parents to wait in a socially distanced line until the gates are opened (parents to remain in a socially distanced line)
- One child at a time invited through the gate by SLT member
- Where possible, we would ask children / parents to refrain from bringing scooters or bikes to school or for parents to take scooters or bikes home. This is because we want to limit children crossing the playground to park bikes and scooters during drop off as other year groups are entering the school other entrances at the same time
- If children must bring scooters or bikes into school, staff will help them to park them securely
- Any child arriving after their allotted time must enter school through the front office
- Please be advised that parents will not be allowed to enter the school grounds, due to keeping the site as COVID-19 secure as possible. There will be no opportunity to speak with teachers at either drop off or collection. If parents have any concerns or questions for staff members, please email admin@daubeney.hackney.sch.uk

Child Collection:

- Parents to wait in socially distanced line until gates are opened
- A SLT member will be at the gate
- SLT or class teacher to call children for dismissal based on parent line order. One child is dismissed at a time through the gate
- Teachers/adults are **not** to shake hands at dismissal

- Any children not collected on time will be taken to 'lates' and phone calls to parents will be made. Please ring the buzzer to the main office to collect your child
- Please be advised that parents will not be allowed to enter the school grounds and there will be no opportunity to speak with teachers at either drop off or collection. If parents have any concerns or questions for staff members, please email admin@daubeney.hackney.sch.uk

Risk Assessment:

- An updated risk assessment has been written in consultation with staff, union representatives and governors
- This will be available for all parents through the school website on by Friday 5th March.

Curriculum:

The return to school curriculum will prioritise Reading, Writing and Maths learning but we will ensure a broad and balanced curriculum experience for the children. The next few weeks will be spent settling the children back to school, re-establishing expectations, assessing the children's progress and any gaps to plan their next steps.

Short Notice Change to Provision:

- Please note that if either a staff member or pupil tests positive for COVID-19, then the school will contact the local health protection team, relevant families and staff members and they will be asked to follow government guidance and self-isolate for 10 days – this will mean the immediate closing down of the provision for that year group Pod or possibly multiple year group pods (see risk assessment for further information or guidance attached <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home>)
- Please note that in the event of further national school closures directed by the government, the school might need to close at short notice
- In both these events, home learning will be provided for pupils

Social Distancing:

- The government guidance is clear that primary school children cannot be expected to follow social distancing measures

“We know that, unlike older children and adults, early years and Primary age children cannot be expected to remain 2 metres apart from each other and staff.”

- We have minimised contact and mixing of pupils by allocating pupils to pods - year group pods of 90 or fewer (classrooms will only have a maximum of 30 pupils)
- These pods will be kept separate throughout the school day wherever possible
- Signage reminding pupils and staff about social distancing will be in place throughout the school
- Pupils will be reminded by staff to follow the 2m social distancing wherever possible, but please be aware this cannot be guaranteed

Classroom Layout:

- Each classroom has a maximum of 15 desks and 30 chairs to help promote social distancing while working
- Where possible pupils will sit in the same space within the classroom each day
- Classroom doors and air vents will remain open to increase air flow to the learning spaces, when and where possible

Hand Hygiene:

- All staff, pupils and visitors need to use hand sanitiser when entering or exiting the school through the front office
- All pupils will be required to wash their hands or use hand sanitiser at these times:
 - Arrival in School
 - After Play
 - Before Lunch
 - After Lunch Play

- Before dismissal
 - After any outside learning
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- Additional hand sanitiser dispensers are located throughout the school
 - All classrooms, lunch hall and offices have hand sanitiser
 - Pupils will be reminded by staff about good hand hygiene
 - Pupils who find hand washing independently difficult will be supported by adults

Toilets:

- Only one pupil (per class) will be allowed into the toilet at any one time
- Where possible, adults will escort pupils to and from toilets
- Increased cleaning of toilets during school day
- Hygiene of toilets to be checked regularly during school day
- Hand washing signage will be displayed in all toilets

Pods:

- A pod is classed as a year group (so a maximum of 90 pupils – year group classes)
- Pupils can move between year group classes and remain in their pods e.g. for Phonics groups
- Where possible staff to work only with pod they are assigned to reduce the risk of transmission – however guidance does allow staff to move between pods
- Pupils will be taught by their class teacher

Equipment and Resources:

- Each year group pod will have its own equipment for use in playground
- Each pod will have its own art resources
- Pupils will be provided with stationary – pupils should not bring in their own pencil cases
- Resources will be cleaned at the end of each day

Lunchtime Structure:

- All pupils must wash their hands before entering the lunch hall

- Floor marking indicate where pupils should stand when queuing
- Only one year group in the lunch hall at any one time
- Lunch tables to be socially distanced where possible within hall
- Each pod will remain in the lunch hall until all pupils within that pod have finished
- They will then be taken to their zone within the playground
- The lunch tables will then be cleaned ready for another Pod
- The playground will be split into zones during lunchtime – each pod will have their allocated zone
- Children will use equipment allocated to their Pod
- Reception and Year 1 will have their lunch in the KS1 hall

Clothing:

- It is expected that all pupils will wear full Daubeney uniform as per our policy
- It is recommended that all pupils and staff wear freshly washed clothes each day
- P.E kits to be brought in and taken home for washing on the same day

Behaviour Expectations:

- There have been significant changes within our setting in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the changes, the school's Behaviour Statement remains the same. However, it is more important than ever that children listen to, and follow, adults' instructions immediately.
- All adults working with our children have a responsibility for promoting safe and positive behaviour. Children also have a responsibility to behave well and have the right to expect others to behave respectfully towards them. Where a child is unable to follow instructions and behaves in any way that puts either themselves or others at risk, in respect to Coronavirus spread then that child will need to have a behaviour risk assessment completed and parents will be notified and a meeting with senior leadership may be required (see COVID-19 Appendix to the Behaviour Policy on our website)

First Aid:

- Staff in each Pod will carry a first aid kit with them during learning time and break times
- A separate isolation area is set up for anyone displaying symptoms of COVID-19
- Head injury procedures remain the same
- If there have been any changes to your child's medical needs during the lockdown, you **must** notify the school so we can update our records before your child returns

Confirmed Case of COVID 19:

- If a child shows symptoms of Covid-19 a member of SLT wearing appropriate PPE will collect them and take them to the isolation area and parents/carers will be asked to collect immediately. They will be required to get tested and inform the school of the results. As per [Stay at home: guidance for households, Main Messages](#)
- If a member of staff tests positive with Covid-19 the school will report this to the local health protection team and work with them to contact pupils and staff who will need to self-isolate for 10 days
- This may result in the closure of a year group pod or multiple year group pods – The local health protection team will provide definitive list of those who will need to self-isolate
- Any child or adult needing the toilet while waiting in the Isolation Area will use a separate toilet (located in first aid room)
- Isolation Area to be cleaned immediately after use
- First Aid room toilet to be cleaned immediately after use
- Non-Contact Thermometers are available for checking for fever/high temperature (37.8C or greater)

A member of staff might be required to wait in the isolation area with a pupil. If this is required, they will wear PPE.

PPE:

Guidance says PPE is only needed in a very small number of cases including:

- Where an individual child or young person becomes ill with Covid-19 symptoms while at school, and only then if a distance of 2m cannot be maintained
- Where a child or young person has routine intimate care needs that involves the use of PPE, in which case PPE should continue to be used

Water Bottles:

- Please make sure that your child brings their own clean water bottle in each day

Home Learning:

- Should there be a closure of a Year Group Pod, multiple Year Group Pods or the entire school, Remote home learning provision will be provided. We will review our home learning provision based on feedback parents, pupils and staff have provided during the current school closure

School Office:

- Please note that the school office remains open for telephone and email enquiries between 8-4pm. Parents should not go the school office in person due to increasing the risk of transmission for staff
- Any meetings to see members of staff are by appointment only and if required will be by telephone or virtual meeting

Extended Day & Clubs:

- There will be no provision for extended day or clubs for the first 3 weeks of term
- We will review this after 3 weeks and communicate any changes to parents

Yours sincerely,

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