



Dean Bank Primary and Nursery School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 6 SAT's Week

The Year 6 children will be completing their KS2 SAT's week beginning 9th May 2022, it is vitally important that the children of Year 6 are not absent during this week.

School Timings as of Tuesday 3rd May 2022

Reception children will continue to be dropped off at the front of school at 8:40am and collected at the bottom of the yard at 3:10pm.

Nursery children will be dropped off at the front of school at 12:15pm and collected at the front of school at 3:15pm.

Year 1 to Year 6 children start the school day at 8:45am and finish at 3:15pm.

As COVID restrictions have now been lifted we would like to welcome parents back onto the school yard whilst they are waiting to collect their children, hopefully this will alleviate some of the issues that have been reported recently regarding congestion.

PE Kits

Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school all the time, this is to allow extra sessions to take place when the weather improves and also enables PE lessons to be changed if they need to.

End of Term – change of date reminder

School will be closing on Wednesday 20th July 2022 instead of Thursday 21st July 2022 in lieu of the Queens Platinum Jubilee.

COVID Guidance Reminder

The new isolation guidance for **symptomatic** children are as follows:

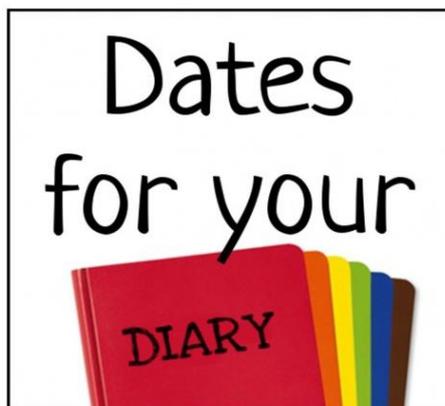
Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend. For children and young people aged 18 and under the advice is 3 days isolation.

Parent Governor

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor, if you would be interested or would like more information please contact Mrs. Northcott.

Coffee Morning

Mr. Murphy will be holding a Coffee Morning every Monday from 9:00am (via the main school office), this is an opportunity for you to come into school and have a coffee and a chat with other parents and Mr. Murphy. We look forward to seeing parents and carers back in school.



May 2022	
Monday 2 nd May 2022	School Closed for May Day
Thursday 5 th May 2022	Year 1/2 Active Ted Event (Hardwick Park)
9 th May 2022 – 13 th May 2022	Year 6 SAT's Week
Tuesday 10 th May 2022	Year 3/4 OAA (Hardwick Park)
Friday 27 th May 2022	Non-Uniform Day
Friday 27 th May 2022	School Closes for Half Term Holidays
June 2022	
Monday 6 th June 2022	School re-opens
Tuesday 7 th June 2022	KS1 Alternative Sports Festival (Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre)
Tuesday 14 th June 2022	Sedgefield Dash
20 th June 2022 – 24 th June 2022	Refugee Week
Wednesday 22 nd June 2022	Year 3/4 Cricket Skills Event (Tudhoe Cricket Club)
Friday 24 th June 2022	Non-Uniform Day
Friday 24 th June 2022	World Record Skipping Event
Tuesday 28 th June 2022	Primary Olympics (Sedgefield Community College)
July 2022	
Friday 8 th July 2022	Reports to Parents
Tuesday 12 th July 2022	EYFS Parental Consultation
Wednesday 13 th July 2022	Girls Football Festival
Wednesday 13 th July 2022	Year 1-6 Parental Consultation
Friday 15 th July 2022	Non-Uniform Day
Wednesday 20 th July 2022	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Wednesday 20 th July 2022	School closes for Summer Holidays



Attendance Matters



Attendance and Safeguarding

If your child is absent from school it is your responsibility to contact the school office with a reason for their absence.

ALL absences must be reported to the school office on the first day of absence (by 9:30am) to notify us of the reasons for absences and the expected date of return, otherwise they may be recorded as unauthorised which could possibly lead to referrals to the Attendance Improvement Team.

Absences can be reported by contacting the school office on 01740 651512, emailing school on deanbank@durhamlearning.net or sending a message to **Mrs Northcott** on Class DOJO. Where absences persist beyond 1 day, please keep in daily contact with the school.

For the purpose of Attendance, a "Parent" is defined as:

- Any natural parent, whether married or not
- Any parent who, although not a natural parent, has parental responsibility as defined in the Children Act (1989) for a child or young person
- Any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child or young person

The Law

You need to make sure your child attends school regularly and on time. Because parents are responsible for this duty in law, you will be **breaking the law** if you do not do this and there are no good reasons for missing school.

Section 7 of the 1996 Education Act states that parents must ensure that children of compulsory school age receive efficient full-time education suitable to their age, ability and aptitude to any special educational needs they may have, either by regular attendance at school or otherwise. A child is of Compulsory School Age at the beginning of the term following their 5th birthday.

The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006, as amended by 2016 regulations, require schools to take an attendance register twice a day, once at the start of the morning session and then again during the afternoon session.

The School and Local Authority **want to help you if you have a problem.**

If attendance does not get better or you do not accept help and support offered, the Council may issue you with a warning notice, Penalty Notice or ask you to attend an interview to ask you questions about whether you have broken the law.

Under the Education Act 1996, the Local Authority has a statutory responsibility to ensure that parents secure education for children of compulsory school age and where necessary, use legal enforcement.

If you go to court and are found guilty of an offence, you could be fined up to £1,000 for a less serious offence or up to £2,500 if the law breaking is more serious.

In very serious cases, the court may involve the probation service or consider up to 3 months in prison. Once you have a criminal record, this will have serious implications when you apply for a permanent or temporary job.