

Reminder: Absences should be reported by telephoning or emailing the school office by 8.30am on the first day of absence.

Back to School

It is that exciting time of year again and although things are different we are thrilled to have all of our children back in school again. When I wrote to you on 20th March, I couldn't envisage that I wouldn't see some of the children again until this week, but here we are.

The classrooms and corridors are again filled with the excited chatter of children and that makes my heart sing. Schools should be vibrant places with a real buzz and that certainly was lacking in the summer term. There were just too few voices to make it happen!

We have publicised over the holiday and through social media the measures we are taking to keep the children safe and I would like to thank you for your support in making this happen. The positive comments and the trust you have in our school is really welcomed. This has been the steepest of learning curves for all involved and our processes and risk assessments are ever changing as we refine things, respond to things that obviously don't work and in line with government guidance.

We would ask that parents continue to play their vital role in keeping our school community safe by:

- Keeping children at home if they are unwell and seeking a test if they display coronavirus symptoms
- Following the one way system on site
- Sticking to the arrival and collection times to minimise the number of people on site
- Continuing to email or telephone the office if you have a query
- Sticking to the guidance from the government around meeting and socialising **outside of school** to minimise risk of infection and transmission.

It is all very new and strange but the summer term provided staff with a dry run and we have approached the new term with determination and enthusiasm. We are looking forward to getting back to our core purpose - educating children and supporting their development.

Our puzzle pieces are back in the box and it's brilliant!

Mrs M Cross
Executive Head



Spot Light on Excellence...

Welcome Back Dordon!

It is with pride I have watched our children return to school this week! They have walked through our doors with positivity and adapted well to the new structures put in place due to the COVID outbreak.

As a staff, we wanted to make sure that Dordon was as safe as it could be for our children and we have worked hard to ensure reopening to the entire school was a success. Schools across the country have pondered numerous ways of following the government guidance and I would be lying if I said we didn't have some sleepless nights, but seeing the children back in school and flourishing makes it all worth it.

I want to thank our families for being so supportive over this difficult time. I genuinely feel that our community has come together throughout this time. When making welfare calls during lockdown, I was frequently asked how the staff were doing by many of you, which was truly touching.

We have now reached September and although life is not as it was, we are on the road to a brighter future for our children. Yes, the children have missed a significant amount of learning time and yes, we will endeavour to address this with rigour, but the most important thing is we are back together and remaining upbeat.

Here's to our Dordon family and a successful year ahead!

Miss McGroarty



Falcon



Here is what the children the children of Falcon class have enjoyed about being back at school:

"Being back at school has been great because I loved meeting my new teachers and we have had some great lessons." Dylan

"It has been amazing! When I walked into the school gates I was really nervous, but after the first day, it was perfect!" Aryan

"I am really pleased to be back in school. I have been able to see my friends." Lexi

"I have enjoyed our first day activities where we created our own backpacks to find out about each other and our teacher." Megan

"School feels really safe because we have our own bubbles and we have a good system around school with clear signs and arrows." Sophie K

Dates for your Diary

Academic Year 2020/21

26/10/20 - 30/10/20 - Half Term
02/11/20 - Inset Day school closed to pupils
18/12/20 - End of Term
04/01/21 - Inset Day school closed to pupils
05/01/21 - Spring Term begins
15/02/21 - 19/02/21—Half Term
22/02/21 - Inset Day school closed to pupils
01/04/21 - End of Term
19/04/21 - Summer Term begins
03/05/21 - May Bank Holiday
31/05/21 - 04/06/21 - Half Term
07/06/21 - Inset Day school closed to pupils
18/06/21 - Inset Day school closed to pupils
21/07/21 - End of Term

These dates may be subject to change if necessary. Details and times to be confirmed nearer each event.

In partnership with Dordon Community Spirit and Dordon Community Cafe

Dordon Community Village Store

Are you?

- Feeling the pinch after the impact of Covid-19?
- Furloughed or made redundant?
- Struggling to get to the shops?
- Need to make the pennies stretch a bit further?

A weekly honesty shop
at:

Dordon Village Hall.
(Kitwood Ave. entrance)

Mondays 12 noon – 3pm
Fridays 3pm – 6pm

Social Distancing Applies

Food Cupboard Supplies: Pay what you can afford.

Any queries contact Julie on 07702031960.

Items available will vary and at present are non-perishable items only. This is subject to change.



To find out if you are eligible go to
freemeals@warwickshire.gov.uk or call 01926 359189
for menu information go to www.educaterers.co.uk

UNIVERSAL INFANT FREE SCHOOL

Don't forget if you have a child
in Reception Year 1 or Year 2
they are entitled to a
free school lunch everyday too.

Food for Life
A guarantee that
fresh, seasonal
food is always on
our menu



What to do if you are feeling unwell

Step 1: Symptoms

If a child, staff member or member of your household develops a symptom, **STAY AT HOME.**

Call school at once to notify us

If your child or a staff member develops a symptom in school, they will be sent home.

Step 2: Isolation and Testing

Person with symptoms **STAY AT HOME** for at least 7 days and book a test:

(www.nhs.uk/coronavirus or call 119). Rest of the household **STAY AT HOME** for 14 days
(see government advice for ending isolation).

Rest of the social group to be notified of the situation.

Step 3: Positive Test— Confirmed Infection

Child or adult testing positive remains in isolation alongside their family. Follow latest government guidance.

The social group for that child or staff member will be closed for 14 days AND children and staff **MUST** isolate.

Step 3: Negative Test

Where the child or adult tests negative, all isolation ends and anyone connected who was in isolation returns to work or school.

Step 4: Further Action

School notifies Public Health England and the rest of the school continues as normal with the risk assessment in place. School will only close if told to do so by PHE.

Classroom for the social group will be deep cleaned.

Test and Trace will be operated for the infected person.

