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PARENT UPDATE

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this update finds you all safe and well and managing in these difficult times. I apologise for the length of this update but hope that it will answer many questions that you may have about how everything is going to work in and out of school under this new framework we find ourselves in. Undoubtedly you will have seen the latest update last night that we are now in another National Lockdown and school will be closed to most pupils until February half term. At the moment, this means the earliest all children will return to school is Monday 22nd February dependent on further reviews by the government. We understand the strain this puts on families and hope that we can support your child through this time.

HOME LEARNING

If you have requested one, home learning paper packs will be ready to collect from 9.30am on Wednesday 6th January. These paper packs will contain work for 8 days for this week and next. Please email or call if you require delivery due to being unable to leave home.

For pupils able to access the website and online activities, links and tasks will be emailed out and added to the website so home learning is able to begin on Wednesday. As our website is up and running now, teachers will not be directly emailing you with the tasks from the class email address.

From 25th January, work will be uploaded ready for Monday morning each week and we hope that we will have the paper packs ready for Monday mornings too.

CONTACTING CLASS TEACHERS

Please use your class email addresses to submit work or ask any questions about your child's home learning. Staff will endeavour to answer as soon as possible, but will be working in school some days to provide supervision for key worker and vulnerable pupils.

	Class	Teacher	Email
Nursery	Elmer and Wilbur	Mrs Liles	nursery.williammartin@dcvst.org
Reception	Eric Carle	Mr Collin	carle.williammartin@dcvst.org
	Beatrix Potter	Mrs Simpson/Mrs Stevens	potter.williammartin@dcvst.org
Year 1	Dr Seuss	Miss Wood	seuss.williammartin@dcvst.org
	Roger Hargreaves	Miss Cannell	hargreaves.williammartin@dcvst.org
Year 2	Julia Donaldson	Miss Smith	donaldson.williammartin@dcvst.org
	Roald Dahl	Mrs Raggio	dahl.williammartin@dcvst.org



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Year 3	Riley	Mrs Williams	riley.williammartin@dcvst.org
	Rosa Parks	Miss McGuinness	rosaparks.williammartin@dcvst.org
Year 4	Mandela	Mrs Richardson	mandela.williammartin@dcvst.org
	Franklin	Mr O'Reilly	franklin.williammartin@dcvst.org
Year 5	Spielberg	Mr Golbourn	spielberg.williammartin@dcvst.org
	Kahlo	Mrs Sivathanu/Mrs Gill	kahlo.williammartin@dcvst.org
Year 6	Escher	Mrs Cleary	escher.williammartin@dcvst.org
	Windsor	Miss Campbell	windsor.williammartin@dcvst.org

WELFARE CALLS

You should expect to receive a phone call each week by your child's class teacher or LSA. Please note these calls may show as 'no caller ID' as staff are working from home. It is very important we remain in contact with you weekly during this period of home learning.

FREE SCHOOL MEAL FOOD PARCELS

For free school meal pupils we will be supplying you with food parcels for 8 days (3 school days this week and next week) These will be ready for collection on Wednesday 6th January from 11.30am. Please email admin.williammartin@dcvst.org or call 01279 424122 if you require delivery due to being unable to leave home or if you do NOT require the parcel. We will let you know the plans next week for the following four weeks of this half term.

KEY WORKER/VULNERABLE PUPILS IN SCHOOL

Separate emails or phone calls have been made to confirm who has a place.

Here are the arrangements, starting on Thursday 7th January,;

Your child will be allocated to a bubble with consistent members of staff to reduce everyone's contact. Your child should bring ONLY a named water bottle and packed lunch if you haven't booked them a dinner. No bags or other equipment should be brought into school.

If your child, or any household member, has COVID-19 symptoms or has booked a test your child MUST NOT attend school. If your child is due in school and they are absent for any reason, please inform us by calling 01279 424122 to report the absence with reasons.

School starts at 8.45 and your child should enter via the main (infant) entrance if in Reception, Year 1 or 2. Year 3-6 should enter via the junior entrance. If you have children in both schools, they can both enter via the main (infant) entrance. Please keep 2m distance between families whilst waiting.



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The one way system will still be in place for both buildings. Can all parents and pupils please keep to the pathways outside the junior building.

School finishes at 3.15 and you should collect your children from the main entrances (except year 3 and 4 who can be collected from the junior playground to reduce numbers of adults waiting) where you dropped them off in the morning. Again, please keep 2m distance between families whilst waiting, use the one way system and keep to the pathways.

If your child requires a school dinner, please book and pay for (if you usually pay), using your Eduspot login. The children will be able to select their option on the day. Depending on staffing levels and supplies, the menu may differ from the normal one.

Can your child please wear normal school uniform. The staff may let you know if they would like your child to come to school wearing PE kit once a week. This will be confirmed next week.

It is important to note that we continue to take every possible action to ensure school remains safe. In line with guidance in Tier 4 Contingency Framework, the fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings currently, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and the high number of cases we are currently seeing in the community can reduce.

Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be. If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.

We currently have a number of staff self-isolating as they themselves or a family member have the virus and some have been very poorly. We send well wishes to all our families in our community and send our sincere condolences to those who may have lost a loved one over Christmas.

Please be patient and continue your understanding as we all manage to navigate our way through these difficult times. Working with you all with clear communication both ways is a great support for all. If you have any queries or need to let us know something please call 01279 424122 or email admin.williammartin@dcvst.org.

Kind regards

Claire Kearney
Head of School



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