



DANESHOLME
INFANT ACADEMY



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JUNIOR ACADEMY

15th July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Our full return to school has been planned carefully in line with Government guidance. The Government information for parents/carers can be found [here](#).

We will be building up our school community gradually, and welcoming children back to school on the following days:

- Thursday 3rd September – Years 1 and 2 only.
- Friday 4th September – Years 1 and 2 only.
- Monday 7th September – All years, including Nursery will return. Reception classes will have staggered Stay and Play sessions, followed by morning and afternoon timetables until September 21st when full they join the normal school day timetable.

What will classes look like?

- Children will be taught in ‘bubbles’ of two classes, and these bubbles will be kept apart as much as possible
- Children can mix within bubbles, but we will be encouraging them not to physically touch each other
- We will provide a filled pencil case for every child, so their personal equipment can be kept separate
- Teaching resources, such as Science equipment and reading books, can be shared within the bubble – but equipment will be cleaned or quarantined for 72 hours before being accessed by another group
- Children will be seated in rows, facing the front of the classroom
- Adults will be aiming to maintain a 2m distance from pupils wherever possible

What arrangements are in place to keep my child safe?

- Regular, supervised handwashing and application of hand sanitizer will be carried out during the day. Please practice handwashing at home with your child before they come to school – an NHS handwashing video can be found [here](#).
- Enhanced cleaning regimes are in place and there will be a cleaner on site all day, cleaning sinks, toilets and high contact areas regularly.
- Bubbles will be kept apart.
- All children will be encouraged to stay 1 metre apart around the school site, but this cannot be guaranteed.
- Breaktimes and lunchtimes will be staggered and will also be restricted to the bubble groups initially. No physical interaction will be allowed. Play equipment will be designated for individual bubble use only and cleaned regularly.
- At lunchtimes, children will have their lunch brought to the classrooms by staff members, or they will have their own lunch as required. They will eat within their classrooms. Desks will be cleaned before and after eating. No food/drink is to be shared between children.
- Toys are being kept to an absolute minimum, and only those that can be easily cleaned are to be used. There will be no soft toys or dressing up.

What are the arrangements for the start and end of the school day?

- A one-way system is in operation across the Infant and Junior sites. Entry for all children and adults will be through the Infant Academy gate next to the skate park and the exit will be through the Junior Academy gates on Motala Close. Staff will be available to help you follow the one-way system. A site plan is also attached to explain this.
- Only one adult should accompany a child to school. We need to keep the numbers of people on our school site to a minimum.
- If your child is late, after the gates have closed, then you will be refused entry for the day.
- Staff will not be able to physically take a child from you if they are resisting coming to school.
- No before or after school clubs will be running.
- All messages for staff should be emailed into the admin@danesholmeinfantacademy.org inbox. Staff will not be able to meet with you at the start and end of the school day.

Staggered timings:

Class	Timings	Lunch break
Year R classes (Cherry Tree, Peach Tree and Pear Tree classes)	9:00-3:15	11:50-12:50
Year 1 classes (Maple Tree, Olive Tree and Palm Tree classes)	8:50-3:05	11:40-12:40
Year 2 classes (Elm Tree, Oak Tree and Willow Tree classes)	8:40-2:55	11:30-12:30

- If you have more than one child and they are starting at different times, then you can bring both children at the earlier start time. However, at the end of the day, children cannot be withdrawn early from their classes – you will need to wait on the playground (socially distanced) until classes have finished.
- You can wait on the playgrounds (socially distanced) for your child to meet you, but you cannot wait along the side of year 5 in the Juniors as this area is a walkway.

What does my child need for school?

- All necessary school equipment will be provided.
- Children should wear school uniform. We realise that a number of PE kits are still in school, so where children don't have their kit, any suitable comfortable clothing can be worn for PE initially.
- Sun cream must be applied at home if necessary, September can still be quite warm sometimes.
- Children should bring a packed lunch (if they are not having it provided at school) and filled water bottle. Coolmilk and fruit snack will be provided as usual. The water bottle should be filled. An additional drink should be brought for lunchtime.
- A packed lunch will be provided for pupils who are entitled to Pupil Premium. All parents will be able to order packed lunches (not hot meals) through Kingswood Catering as usual.
- Packed lunches must be nut free, as children are eating in classrooms and we have some children within the school with nut allergies.
- Packed lunches must be brought in with the children at the start of the day. They cannot be brought later.
- Children should not bring any toys or non-essential items from home into school, including mobile phones.

What will happen if my child gets injured or becomes unwell?

- If a child does require medical attention at any time during the day, a member of staff, wearing appropriate PPE will care for them, and if necessary, a parent will be called to collect.

Access to the school office

- The school office remains closed to parents/carers.
- No parents/carers are allowed into the school building, except in case of an emergency.
- Children must bring everything they need for school with them in the morning. There is no facility to drop things off at the school office later in the day.
- The admin@danesholmeinfantacademy.org email will continue to be constantly monitored and the school telephone line will be manned.

What happens if a child shows symptoms of COVID-19?

- If your child is showing symptoms of COVID-19 (a new continuous cough, a high temperature, or loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell) then they should not come to school.
- If any child begins to show COVID-19 symptoms at school, then they will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 7 days and have a coronavirus test. Parents should inform the school immediately of the coronavirus test result.
- If there is a confirmed case of Coronavirus (through a positive test result), then the school will inform the local health protection team and follow their advice. The health protection team advice will determine who should be sent home and advised to self-isolate.

Whilst these are very unusual circumstances, we are really looking forward to seeing the children back in school again and we will do everything we can to make this transition as gentle and enjoyable as possible, whilst instilling a healthy knowledge of day to day hygiene and bringing back some much-missed social interaction.

Thank you in advance.

Yours sincerely,

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