

Durand Primary School

Newsletter

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Learning Together, Achieving Together
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I would like to thank, once again, the Durand Primary School family for your continued support, patience and understanding during what continues to be unprecedented times. It is very difficult to comprehend that already we are only two weeks away from the Easter break!



Return to school

We are really looking forward to welcoming our Key Stage 2 pupils back to school on Monday 15th March. It has been wonderful having our Foundation Phase pupils back in school during the last few weeks and they have now settled back fully into the routines in school.

Uniform

Just a quick reminder that it is expected that all learners will wear full school uniform. School PE kit can be worn on PE days. As the weather is still cold please feel free to give learners extra layers as ventilation is needed in classrooms and lots of outdoor learning will be taking place.

Drop Off and Collection Place and Times

For those of you who have not been with us since December just to remind you that we are continuing to operate a 'free flow' system. The gates are opened at 8.45am for drop off straight to class via their external door by 9am and are then opened once again at 3pm for pupils to be collected straight away but by 3.10pm at the latest.

For Nursery pupils drop off is by 9.05am start with an 11.35am finish. Entry is through the Nursery garden gate on the Foundation Phase Yard.

We continue to have staff members positioned around the site at the start and end of the day to help with all of this.

Safety

We are committed to providing a Safe and Secure environment for everyone within our school family. Could I therefore please request your co-operation with the following:

- Endeavour to maintain an appropriate social distance, wherever possible, and to continually 'free flow' around the school site at the beginning and end of the day.
- Adhere to the outdoor 'one way' system operating around the school site by following the large arrows.
- Wear a face covering (unless medically exempt) on site when dropping off and picking up your children.
- Children who are brought to school should only be accompanied by one appropriate adult.
- During drop off, as we have staff outside to assist, you may wish to consider allowing older pupils to come onto site independently in order to walk around to class.
- Leave the school site straight away and not congregate either on site or just outside.

I appreciate your support with these matters.



Red Nose Day

This year on Friday 19th March it is once again Comic Relief Red Nose day. We are not asking pupils to dress up for this year as it may be difficult, with most shops still closed, to get anything specific. However, pupils may do some activities in class on the day, as part of our Feel Good Friday, to celebrate this occasion. Also we will not be collecting donations in school for this but ask that if parents wish to make a donation they make it through the official Comic Relief channels. Many thanks.



Catering

School catering will be offering the full menu. These can be ordered in the usual manner. **Any children in receipt of free school meals will need to pay for meals taken or bring a packed lunch as the Local Authority are going to continue with direct payments until Sunday 11th April 2021.**

Pupils are still able to bring their own packed lunch but all remains/rubbish will be sent home again in their lunchbox to reduce risk of contamination in any way. We continue to allow pupils to bring in a healthy snack of fresh fruit or vegetables only for break time. Breaks and lunchtimes will be staggered to ensure safety and reduce contact between groups.

Bikes and Scooters

We are happy for our pupils to ride their scooters or bikes to school accompanied by their parents, but do not allow these to be ridden in our school grounds, as it can be a danger to others. Please ensure that your son / daughter dismounts their bike or scooter before entering the school grounds. Scooters and bikes can be left, at your own risk, in the fenced area provided near the Alianore Road entrance. Thank you for your help with this matter.



Thank you, once again, for all the messages that you have been sending over the last few weeks. Messages of support have been much appreciated by staff who have worked incredibly hard in these very unusual circumstances.

Our main aim still remains to keep everyone as safe as we possibly can and I thank everyone for helping us in this quest!

Many thanks to you all for your continued support!

Take care, stay safe!

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