

Dulwich Hamlet Junior School



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Dear Key Worker School Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to welcoming your children to school tomorrow for the start to the spring term 2021.

Arrival

We ask that the children arrive promptly within the 'window' of 8:45-8:55am when the gates will be open and staffed by members of their year group teaching team and the Core Leadership Team. Any arrivals after this time will be marked as 'late' within the register. All normal school processes apply.

We kindly ask that you respect social distancing, observe best practice regarding the wearing of face coverings, and move on swiftly from the gates once you have dropped-off your child/ren, and indeed at pick-up times too. While numbers are certainly reduced from a normal full-school, with DVIS next door also operating a large Key Worker School, there will still be considerable numbers of children and adults navigating the Village each day.

A reminder:

Y3 Village main gate

Y4 Village car park gate

Y5 and Y6 Turney Road gate

Absence/Self-isolation

Normal absence procedures apply, and you must inform us if your child is not going to be present in school, with a clear and precise reason for the absence – 'unwell' needs to be explained. We are required to complete a daily return to the DfE and it is important that we submit the correct information. You and your family are required to follow rules for self-isolation if any of you are displaying symptoms, awaiting test results, or have been a close contact. We strongly recommend that you err on the side of caution with any possible symptoms, keep your child at home and get tested if you are unsure. Key Worker School is dependent on all staff members being able to attend the work setting. As a community we have been incredibly successful in managing our situation to date – we thank you in advance for your sensible approach and cooperation.

Groupings of children/Bubbles

When the children arrive at school tomorrow, they will head straight to Village hall (Y3 and Y4) and Turney hall (Y5 and Y6) where they will be briefed and placed in to their class groupings. While there will be several classes across the school, we will operate as two separate bubbles: lower school (Y3/4) and upper school (Y5/6). This means that lower and upper school children will be kept separate throughout the core school day on-site. While classes within a bubble will in the main be taught separately, they will be able to come together for assemblies, P.E., singing, dance, break and lunchtimes. Staff will mainly be working within either the upper school or lower school bubble.

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Preparation/Organisation

As last term, we ask that all of our KWS children minimise what they bring in to school, but that they continue to bring in their washbag and hand sanitiser for personal use, which they can bring home at the end of each week. They also need a reading book every day. We hope that as many of the children will take advantage of our daily hot meal, but if not, they will obviously also need to bring in a packed lunch. Please note, as per normal procedures, the children are not able to switch between school lunches and packed lunch. A reminder, that children need to come to school wearing P.E. ready uniform each day.

Learning/Homework

The children will be taught by the teachers from their respective year groups, along with other members of the DHJS teaching team eg, P.E. and music staff, supported by our Teaching Assistants. Our curriculum will be continuous from last term, covering the topics as outlined in our 'Our Learning' letter disseminated to you before the Christmas break. Our home learners will have access to the same learning objectives and activities via Google Classroom.

It is important that the children continue with their usual homework activities: Doodlemaths, TTRS, reading, other year group specific activities posted on GC, and music practice.

Yours sincerely,

The Core Leadership Team