



## Dorchester Primary School

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Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you had a lovely weekend and managed to get out and about in the sunshine – how welcome that was to lift all of our spirits!

I wanted to update you on our plans for all children to return on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March so that everybody is clear about the logistics and expectations. All of the below measures are to help reduce the likelihood of transmission of the virus and prevent us from having to close any bubbles.

Logistics	Key Information		
Year group drop off and collection times		Drop off	Collection <b>(Fri only)</b>
	Nursery (am)	8:45am	11:45am
	Nursery (pm)	12:15pm	3:15pm <b>(no session)</b>
	Reception	8:45am	3:00pm <b>(1:05)</b>
	Year 1	8:45am	3:00pm <b>(1:05)</b>
	Year 2	8:55am	3:10pm <b>(1:15)</b>
	Year 3	8:45am	3:00pm <b>(1:05)</b>
	Year 4	8:55am	3:10pm <b>(1:15)</b>
	Year 5	8:45am	3:00pm <b>(1:05)</b>
	Year 6	8:00am	3:10pm <b>(1:15)</b>
	Hive 2	8:55am	3:10pm <b>(1:15)</b>
Drop off and collection locations	Nursery Reception Year 1 Year 2  Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 Year 6	Nursery doors Reception doors KS2 playground KS1 playground (2CF), Key Stage 2 playground (2CE) KS2 playground KS2 playground Muga Y6 doors	
<b>CONES WILL BE OUT TO SHOW WHERE CLASSES SHOULD STAND. PLEASE ENSURE YOU SOCIALLY DISTANCE YOURSELVES BEHIND THE CONES. DO NOT WAIT AROUND NEAR TO THE DOORS. AT THE END OF THE DAY, PLEASE WAIT AT THE CONES AND TEACHERS WILL DISMISS CHILDREN TO PARENTS. PLEASE DO NOT APPROACH THE SCHOOL DOORS AS THIS WILL SLOW DOWN OUR DISMISSAL AND PUT OTHERS AT RISK.</b>			
Face coverings	Face coverings remain <b>compulsory</b> for any adult visiting the school site. Staff will be on hand with a supply of face coverings for any who do not bring their own.		
Friday afternoon	The trust has decided to continue to close after lunch on		



	a Friday afternoon until Easter, when it will be reviewed again.	
School Office	If you need to come into the school office for any reason, please follow the 'one in, one out' rule and ensure you have a face covering when you enter the building. If you have any queries, you can speak to a member of our office team on <b>01482 825207</b>	
Lunches	Children can continue to have a hot lunch or bring their own packed lunch. We will be offering a full hot lunch menu, which can be found on our website or a hard copy requested from the school office.	
Positive COVID-19 cases	As per our current protocols, please continue to let the school know if your child develops COVID-19 symptoms, or tests positive for the virus so that we can quickly identify close contacts and reduce the potential for transmission. When contacting the school, we need to know: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Your child's name and class</li> <li>- When the symptoms first started</li> <li>- If no symptoms, when they tested positive</li> </ul> You can report this information by telephoning the school office or, if out of hours / at the weekend, please text this information to: <b>07761330670</b>	
Attendance	We are expecting all of our children to return on Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March. Our normal attendance procedures will resume so if children are not in school and we have not heard from you, you will receive a telephone call from our office. If we are unable to make contact, then a home visit will be carried out. As mentioned previously, if you have any concerns about your child's return, please do get in touch and speak to a member of staff.	
Uniform	Children should wear their normal school uniform when attending school. On the days when they have P.E., we ask that children come in their PE kit and can remain in that all day.	
P.E. Days	Rec	Friday
	Year 1	Thursday
	Year 2	Monday
	Year 3	Tuesday
	Year 4	Thursday
	Year 5	Monday
	Year 6	Wednesday

In the first week back at school, I have asked teachers to spend time on re-integrating all children and there will be lots of work around emotional well-being and building up social interactions. Please let your child's class teacher know if you have any concerns about your child's emotional well-being so that we can provide additional support.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school.

Yours Sincerely,



Stuart Mills  
Headteacher