

# Donnington Wood CE Junior School

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*"The ones who plant and the ones who water work together as a team with the same purpose." 1 Corinthians 3:8*

Dear parents/carers

We do hope you are all well and staying safe in these difficult times. Our pupils have come back to school so positively, they truly are a ray of light.

If you need any help or support during this stressful period, please access resources available by clicking here: <https://phseatdonningtonwood.wordpress.com/>

## **Pupil Voice results**

We are always surveying the feelings and attitudes of our pupils to listen to their opinions and best meet their needs. Here are our latest results.

***Are you happy to be back at school?*** 89% (and, as always, we want 100%)

***Do you feel safe at school?*** 95%

***Are you enjoying your activities?*** 96%

Further survey results can be viewed clicking this link: <https://donningtonwood.com/2020/09/23/well-being-survey/>

One area pupils feel less positive about is **sleep and routines**. If you have any issues with your child's sleep habits please let us know so we can support them.

We will use the feedback from our pupil voice survey to plan the next phase in our **Recovery Curriculum**, to support our pupils and to help them flourish; to help them feel safe; and to enable them to engage fully in their learning.

## **Attendance**

Our attendance is amongst the highest in the borough and above the national average. This, we feel, is because pupils feel happy and safe in our school so want to come to school each day. We thank you for your support in this.

## **Children with symptoms, or family members with symptoms.**

Please continue to monitor your child's daily health and report any Covid symptoms to our school office. (Please note -runny noses are not symptoms of Covid and every desk has tissues and hand gel!). If your child is well enough the government dictates that they need to carry on with schoolwork, so as not to fall behind. If unable to attend school, Mrs Worthington will contact you to share the class work and resources. If you cannot access See Saw, we will provide paper resources for you. We would also remind all families to continue to adhere to government guidelines concerning social mixing and distancing to protect your children from COVID contamination.

## **Friday Deep Clean**

The deep clean on a Friday has been essential for maintaining school hygiene and will need to continue up to half term. Our cleaners do have second jobs that start after their shift here, so they have to start earlier



to complete this full-scale task. Cleaners have also further increased cleaning in the week to ensure a very clean school for your child each morning. We aim to be back to normal finishing times after half term. Every Friday a challenge activity will be provided by Mr Fox and work to complete at home is available on See Saw. This is a difficult decision but one that allows us to fully support your child and our valuable staff, and is just one of the ways in which we keep us all safe. Please be assured learning time is made up in the week through earlier starts and shorter lunch breaks.

#### **Friday PM finish (please note change in times)**

**Year 3 1:30**

**Year 4 1:40** They will come out as soon as Year 5 have departed.

**Year 5 1:37** They will come out as soon as Year 6 have departed.

**Year 6 1: 35** They will come out as soon as Year 3 have departed.

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>, the school is closed for a **PD day**. We will review our procedures the week before half term and let you know the next steps in our Risk Assessment guidelines.

**Healthy eating** it is important every child comes to school with the energy to begin learning in class. Please ensure your child has had a healthy breakfast each morning. You can still send in a healthy snack to eat at break times. Now back in the school-day routine, many pupils are saying they are hungry during the morning, but currently we cannot provide free bagels, as last year. If you need any more cereal, we have loads in our food store! Just ask the office.

#### **Parent's evenings**

It is with great regret we currently cannot invite our parents on site to meet face-to-face. However, over the next four weeks we will continue to ring you to complete a phone-based Parents/carers Open Meeting. We will discuss where your child is academically, the progress they have been making and how you can support them. Please be aware that the teacher's call may come from a **withheld number**, but we will leave a message if you do not answer. All schoolwork will be accessible on See Saw to help your child reach their targets.

#### **Next Steps**

We are nearly ready to launch **Parent Pay** and **Seesaw Family** and will contact you soon about details for accessing these services.

As the COVID situation appears to worsen, it is important we continue to live in **hope**, develop our **perseverance** and work together in **friendship** and cooperation. We hold these core values dear in our church school.

Thank you all for your continued support, it is greatly appreciated. Stay safe!

Mr Fox and TEAM Donnington