



Welcome to the Spring Term

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope 2022 brings you and your family, peace, good health and happiness. I hope your children are pleased to be back in school and have enjoyed being back into the routines of school. I am sure they have all made the most of a lovely rest over the holiday period and I hope that you and your family enjoyed some time together. Our thoughts are with our Belmont family members who are currently isolating.

Data collection- up to date contacts

To ensure we have the correct and most recent contact details for the children, your child will take home a data collection sheet this week, for yourself to complete. On completion, please return it to school. Thank you.

Registration , Appointments and Breakfast and Tea Club

If your child leaves school or arrives at school during the day for medical appointments etc., please can you sign your child in/out using our signing in system in the Dove entrance. Thank you.

We are changing our registration process for Breakfast and Tea club. From Monday 17th January, please can you sign your child in/out of wrap around care by signing a register sheet and recording the time that you are dropping off/picking up your child. This will help to ensure that you are charged correctly for the service that you are using. Many thanks.

Ventilation and warm clothing

We are managing to keep all classrooms well-ventilated. However, during this colder spell, we would like to encourage the children to wear additional layers of clothing. For example, a vest under their t-shirt and /or a navy-blue fleece jacket on top of their sweatshirt. We are using the carbon dioxide monitors provided by the Department for Education to ensure the rooms are correctly ventilated and are trying to get just the right temperature. We do not want children to be cold or sitting in coats, but we do need to ensure the rooms are sufficiently ventilated. Please

ensure your child's name is written in all clothing to help return any lost items of clothing to the right owners. Thank you.

Deadline for Applications for School for September 2022

All Nursery Parents - please do not forget that the deadline when applying for a school place for all Reception class new school starters is the 15th January 2022.

Punctuality and the closing of classroom doors

I realise that last week has caused some issues on a morning for us all needing to de-ice cars causing a few families to be late. However, it is important to remember that children need to arrive to school punctual at their given drop-off time. If you are running late and your child's classroom door/entrance is closed, please take your child to the main office in the Dove building. This is very important as staff cannot leave children in classrooms unattended to open doors and also for safeguarding reasons of making sure that your child is registered for their session with the school office. Thank you.

Residential Visits

Over the last two years, we have obviously had to make some changes to residential visits. This Summer, Year 6 will have their residential at Dukeshouse Wood in Hexham. The Year 5 overnight residential will again be at Moorhouse in Durham. In addition to these two residentials, we are planning a new residential for Year 4 and Year 3 children. They will have an overnight residential to Seahouses and the letters detailing further information will go out very soon. There will also be parent/carer meetings for all forthcoming residentials. These are exciting times for all of our children. Whilst all these residentials take a lot of planning and organisation, we do feel they are an invaluable experience for our children. Parents' meetings will be organised for the Year 3 and 4, Year 5 and Year 6 residentials over the coming weeks.

Loose Parts (Dove Playground)

Our Loose Parts section of the Dove playground continues to be hugely popular as the children love to build and create using the recycled materials. During the wetter months, when the Loose Parts area becomes muddy, we ask that children bring in spare boots/ footwear (in a named plastic bag) in order to access this zone. Thank you!

Covid-19

Testing Positive

If your child tests positive for Covid-19 either on a LFD test or PCR test, please contact school as soon as possible with the following details:

- Name
- Class
- Date of test
- Date symptoms started (if any)
- Last day in school

Please isolate your child.

Close Contact

If your child is a close contact of someone who has tested positive with Covid-19, please LFD test your child daily for seven days if they are 5 years old or older.

Thank you for your support.

As usual, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or the school office. We are here to help you all.

Yours sincerely,
Kirsty Harrison-Brown
Head Teacher