



Dean Bank Primary and Nursery School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

School uniform and PE kits

Thank you to you all for ensuring your children are dressed and prepared for school.

I feel we have been very understanding and acknowledged that some children may not have had everything promptly but as we begin the third week of school I will be expecting that children are in their full school uniform **including black school shoes**. Children will begin to receive red dojos from Monday if uniform is not worn.

They can continue to wear their trainers on PE days and this is working well.

On days when children have PE have they should wear their PE Kit. This means a plain red T Shirt, black shorts or jogging bottoms or leggings, their school jumper and trainers or plimsolls.

Earrings

The summer holidays are a great opportunity for children to get their ears pierced. However children are not allowed to wear them for PE. If your child has recently had their ears pierced they may not be skilled enough to take them out or put them in themselves so please ensure you do this for them before they come to school. We are not allowed to do this for children. If they have earrings in then they will be sent to the other class in their bubble to complete work whilst their class do PE.

Lunchtime

Can I remind you that children need to remain in their bubble at lunchtime, we have had some cases when older children are refusing to do this and it puts the safety of all children and staff at risk.

There is another local primary school with a confirmed case but because, like us, they are working in bubbles then that bubble had to isolate, not the whole school.

It is vital that we maintain these social distancing measures as a school. Where children are deliberately choosing to break social distancing rules, parents will be asked to come and collect them as we are no longer able to maintain internal exclusions, as would have happened in the past.

Double Parking and Smoking

I have had several complaints from parents about people double parking, dropping their children off on a morning, as well as cars driving too quickly and turning around at speed.

Please be aware that due to staggered start times, parents and carers need to get children to school safely, on time and then leave quickly, again to ensure social distancing.

Some parents have also commented that smoking parents are having little concern for children standing waiting to go into school. Again, please be sensitive to those other adults and children around you.

Trespassing

We have several children who are coming onto the yard after school has been closed. Please make children aware that this is illegal and that CCTV is used in school to reduce anti-social behaviour and damage. We have very astute neighbours who contact the police and report this to ensure our grounds remain safe. Once a child is 10 years old then they are classed as criminally responsible and the police will be notified if they are on school property.

14th September

From 14th September the guidelines are changing to stop any more than 6 people meeting in or outside of a household. This applies to people of all ages, including children. We have been asked by the Local Authority to ensure parents are aware of this because young people can be fined if they are in larger groups and refuse to socially distance.

Health and Safety Executive

We have been contacted by the Health and safety Executive in London as a 'spot check' to see if we are COVID Secure and I am pleased to say that we passed their questions, procedures and risk assessments with flying colours, which is why I am having to take a more formal approach to the more understanding one which I usually adopt. I continue to do everything I can to keep your children and my staff safe and this cannot be compromised at all.

Thank you for your understanding.

Kind Regards
Pauline Northcott