



Dean Bank Primary and Nursery School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Start times

We would like to remind parents/carers that they should only be bringing children for their start times.

- Year 5 and 6 - 8:40am
- Year 3 and 4 - 8:50am
- Year 1 and 2 - 9:00am

We have been asked to remind parents/carers that start times have been introduced to support social distancing. We are trying our very best to keep children in their learning bubbles and trying to accommodate larger families who have children in more than one bubble. However some younger children do not have older siblings and should come to school at the appointed time. Thank you for your understanding.

Parental Consultation

Class teachers will contact parents to hold Parental Consultations over the phone during the week beginning 12th October 2020 and the week beginning 19th October 2020.

SATs companion

Mr Haynes has signed up to a support package for the Year 6 children which can be used both in and out of school. Further information will be sent out to parents/carers in the near future.

Wellbeing Award

We began this award at the beginning of March and it has obviously been on hold. We are picking this work back up and will let you know some of the things we are doing which will support your children and hopefully yourselves. If you want more information please contact Mr Murphy or Mrs Northcott.

PE/School shoes

Following yesterday's heavy downpours several children came into school in their PE kit / trainers and had to spend the day with wet feet. We would like to suggest that they come into school in their PE kits with school shoes and change into trainers once they are in school.

PE kits

Please ensure children wear their PE kits on the following days:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 1	✓			✓	
Year 2			✓	✓	
Year 3	✓	✓			
Year 4			✓		✓
Year 5	✓	✓			
Year 6			✓	✓	

Reading books

Just a reminder that children should be reading at least 3 times a week at home with parents writing in their reading record book to show children's engagement.

Children's expected attendance is 96%, our whole school attendance currently stands at **91.83%**. (2nd September 2020 to 23rd September 2020)

It is vitally important that **ALL** absences are reported to the school office on the first day of absence to notify us of the reasons for absences and the expected date of return, otherwise they may be recorded as unauthorised which could possibly lead to referrals to the Attendance Improvement Team or legal proceedings.

Absences can be reported by contacting the school office on 01740 651512 or emailing the school / Mrs Gilyeat at deanbank@durhamlearning.net / s.gilyeat201@deanbank.durham.sch.uk

Where absences persist beyond 1 day, please keep in regular contact (ideally daily) with the school.

Please ensure **ALL** appointments are made out of school hours (where possible). If your child is attending an appointment first thing on a morning please ensure to inform the school office to allow lunch arrangements to be in place upon their return. Evidence of appointments must be shown to the school office or emailed to Mrs Gilyeat to ensure our records are correct at all times.

Although we have seen an improvement in attendance we are still working on improving this further. Guidance for school attendance can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence>. If you have any concerns regarding attendance please contact Mrs Gilyeat.

Wednesday 2nd September 2020 – Friday 4th September 2020 (Attendance)

Little Learners	Nursery	Reception	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
N/A	N/A	86.76	94.12	90.00	100	92.42	92.42	99.28

Monday 7th September 2020 – Friday 11th September 2020 (Attendance)

Little Learners	Nursery	Reception	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
N/A	50.00	79.46	85.63	96.36	94.00	91.82	78.97	91.15

Monday 14th September 2020 – Friday 18th September 2020 (Attendance)

Little Learners	Nursery	Reception	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
N/A	77.78	93.75	85.00	97.20	94.62	94.76	90.74	94.64

Although we monitor our attendance really closely we are also expected to report our Persistent Absence. If a child is absent for 10% of their school sessions e.g. their attendance is less than 90%, then they are classed as being persistently absent. The expectation is that our persistent absence is below the national of 10.8%, our rate is currently **22.02%** (Wednesday 23rd September 2020).

Wednesday 2nd September 2020 – Friday 4th September 2020 (Persistent Absence)

Little Learners	Nursery	Reception	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
N/A	N/A	6	2	4	0	1	3	1

Monday 7th September 2020 – Friday 11th September 2020 (Persistent Absence)

Little Learners	Nursery	Reception	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
N/A	4	9	4	5	3	3	6	3

Monday 14th September 2020 – Friday 18th September 2020 (Persistent Absence)

Little Learners	Nursery	Reception	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
N/A	5	7	3	4	3	3	5	4