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Dear Parents and Carers

In line with the relaxation of COVID restrictions we are pleased to say that from Monday 25th April 2022 Year 1 to Y6 children will start the school day at 8:45am and finish at 3:15pm.

There is no change for Reception and Nursery!

I would like to thank the parents of Year 3, 2 and 1 for the very successful Wednesday lunch times we have had. It has worked well and we will continue with these after Easter for Year 6, 5 and 4. A letter will be sent out with a menu on the back. Please circle the choice and get it back to us in preparation for your visit. These lunch meetings are a great way to spend time with your children and also have an informal catch up with the class teacher who will update you on relevant things within these year groups. Keep an eye out for letters going home after the holidays.

COVID Guidance (from 1st April 2022)

The new isolation guidance for **symptomatic** children are as follows:

Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend. For children and young people aged 18 and under the advice is 3 days isolation.

Attendance

ALL absences must be 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.

Absences can be reported by contacting the school office on 01740 651512, emailing school on deanbank@durhamlearning.net or sending a message to **Mrs Northcott** on Class DOJO. Where absences persist beyond 1 day, please keep in daily contact with the school.

Day 1

Child absent from school, no reason for absence provided
School office to call parents/carers
If school is unable to contact parents/carers a class DOJO message will be sent.

Day 2

Child absent from school, no reason for absence provided
School office to call parents/carers
If school is unable to contact parents/carers a class DOJO message will be sent.
If no response an email will be sent to parents/carers
A home visit will be carried out by a member of staff

Return from unauthorised absence

Upon return to school from an unauthorised absence the school office will send home a notification for absence form requesting a reason for absence. If school does not receive a response within 2 days a member of staff will try to contact parents/carers to discuss the child's absence.

Continued Absence

All children's attendance will be monitored regularly, if your child's attendance falls below 95% you will begin to receive letters regarding this.

If your child's record shows 6 sessions of unauthorised absence you will be invited into school to meet with a member of staff to discuss any concerns.

If your child reaches 10 unauthorised sessions or school have further concerns regarding their attendance you will be invited to attend an Attendance Management Meeting where targets will be set. Following this meeting attendance will be closely monitored and reviewed. If your child's attendance does not improve a referral will be made to the Attendance Improvement Team which could lead to legal proceedings.

Parent Governor

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor, if you would be interested or would like more information please contact Mrs. Northcott.

April 2022	
Friday 8 th April 2022	School closes for the Easter Holidays
Monday 25 th April 2022	School re-opens for the Summer Term
Tuesday 26 th April 2022	Reception Vision Screening
Friday 29 th April 2022	Non-Uniform Day
May 2022	
Monday 2 nd May 2022	School Closed for May Day
Thursday 5 th May 2022	Year 1/2 Active Ted Event (Hardwick Park)
9 th May 2022 – 13 th May 2022	Year 6 SAT's Week
Tuesday 10 th May 2022	Year 3/4 OAA (Hardwick Park)
Friday 27 th May 2022	Non-Uniform Day
Friday 27 th May 2022	School Closes for Half Term Holidays
June 2022	
Monday 6 th June 2022	School re-opens
Tuesday 7 th June 2022	KS1 Alternative Sports Festival (Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre)
Tuesday 14 th June 2022	Sedgefield Dash
20 th June 2022 – 24 th June 2022	Refugee Week
Wednesday 22 nd June 2022	Year 3/4 Cricket Skills Event (Tudhoe Cricket Club)
Friday 24 th June 2022	Non-Uniform Day
Friday 24 th June 2022	World Record Skipping Event
Tuesday 28 th June 2022	Primary Olympics (Sedgefield Community College)
July 2022	
Friday 8 th July 2022	Reports to Parents
Tuesday 12 th July 2022	EYFS Parental Consultation
Wednesday 13 th July 2022	Girls Football Festival
Wednesday 13 th July 2022	Year 1-6 Parental Consultation
Friday 15 th July 2022	Non-Uniform Day
Wednesday 20 th July 2022	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Thursday 21 st July 2022	School closes for Summer Holidays