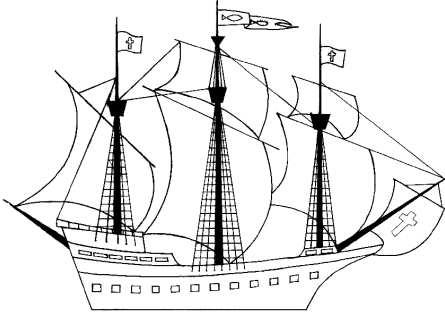

Dawpool C.E (Aided) Primary School

. . . Growing the Fruit of the Spirit

*'The Fruit of the Spirit is Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Generosity, Faithfulness, Gentleness & Self Control'
(Galatians 5:22-23)*



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11th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

At the end of the first full week, I am writing to provide you with some updates. Our main priority this week has been to ensure that all of the children are settled back into school safely and happily. It has been wonderful to see everyone back in school. A special welcome to all of our new pupils and parents; I hope you will be very happy at Dawpool.

Thank you for helping us to establish the new routines in accordance with our [risk assessment](#). We have monitored the procedures carefully and I have provided some important information below.

Arrivals and Departures

Staggering the start and finish times of the school day has helped to ease overcrowding and is working well. Given the location and layout of the school, there will inevitably be 'pinch points' when social distancing at 2 metres is more difficult, for example on pedestrian paths at peak times. In such circumstances, adults should reduce the risk to themselves and others by taking suitable precautions:

- Keep moving
- Keep to the left (single file)
- Keep interactions brief
- Avoid face-to-face conversations
- Wear a face covering (if preferred)

The precautions listed above are particularly important by the brick shed, where the pedestrian path is narrowest.

Note: You must not attend school if you are symptomatic, or a member of your household is symptomatic.

Please note that children should not play on the trim trail once they have been collected by an adult.

'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord. 'Plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future.' (Jeremiah 29:11)

Illness

Your child must not attend school if they or a household member are displaying coronavirus symptoms:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If, however, your child does not have symptoms of coronavirus but has other cold-like symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or a headache, your child can attend school if fit to do so.

Testing

Coronavirus tests can be arranged online at GOV.UK: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Alternatively, call 119 if you have problems using the Internet.

Please let us know the outcome of any COVID-19 test immediately.

Safe Parking

To avoid traffic congestion on School Lane, parents are encouraged to park away from school and walk. If parking on School Lane is your only option, please refer to the attached guidance for safe parking.

The pavement on School Lane has recently been resurfaced to provide better footpath space for social distancing. Therefore, please do not park on the pavement, across dropped kerbs or residents' driveways

Vehicles should not attempt to turn around half way up School Lane.

Road Safety Officers have recommended the following procedure for people using vehicles on School Lane:

Car users are to proceed to the turning bay and turn their cars facing down School Lane before parking. This means that once the children have been dropped off or picked up, all cars should be able to leave School Lane without interfering with oncoming traffic. At no time should cars park on the zig-zag lines, across the school gates, use the car park entrance or Lane as a turning area.

Please be aware that there may be pedestrians when turning your vehicle in the designated turning bay at the top of School Lane.

Packed Lunches

Following the latest review of our risk assessment, pupils are now permitted to bring a small named lunchbox to school which can be washed at the end of each day. This will reduce the amount of rubbish that we are throwing away which is better for the environment.

School Meals

We are not sending home the usual lunch menus to F1, F2 & Y1 pupils. Instead, the menus can be viewed on our [website](#). Please have a look at the menus and speak to your child about their food choices and we will ask them in school what they would like to eat. Please note we are not currently able to provide the panini option at lunchtimes. Next week's menu is **WEEK 1**.

PE

We ask that you send your child to school in their PE kit and a pair of trainers on the days listed below. Please ensure that your child can fasten their trainers independently. The children may wear a dark plain tracksuit when the weather gets cooler.

Your child's PE day is as follows:

Foundation 1: Wednesday

Foundation 2: Friday

Year 1: Thursday (PE) & Friday (Forest Schools)

Year 2: Thursday

Year 3: Thursday

Year 4: Wednesday

Year 5: Tuesday

Year 6: Thursday

Items from home

Please avoid sending your child to school with a backpack as they are not needed at this time.

Uniform

To ensure there is good ventilation throughout the school, we are keeping the windows open during the day so please ensure your child has a school jumper. Your child may also wish to wear an additional underlayer as the weather becomes colder.

Remote Learning

Where a class, group or small number of pupils need to self-isolate, or there is a local lockdown requiring pupils to stay at home, we will be launching a new section of our school website on Monday 28th September to support remote learning for all pupils. This will replace the current class and home learning pages of the website. Here you will find all the information about your child's class, current learning, homework, lesson planning and remote education resources so that learning can continue if children are required to stay at home. We will provide you with more information about this shortly.

We will also be providing pupils with reading books from week commencing 28th September. Please ensure that any school reading books which are still at home are returned to school next week so that we can prepare to reissue them safely.

Next Friday we will be sending you the first Dawpool News of the year and we look forward to sharing lots of other school news – non-Covid for a change!

Thank you once again for your continued support at the start of term and helping us to settle the children into school.

Yours sincerely,



David Burrows
Head Teacher

School Lane

Parking on School Lane will be improved if everyone respects the highway code.

Please don't:

- Block the road – emergency vehicles and other traffic may need access
- Park on yellow lines, zig-zags or block the school entrance
- Park on the pavement, across dropped kerbs or residents' driveways
- Park opposite or within 10m of a junction
- Park where you will cause inconvenience to other road users
- Leave your vehicle with the engine still running
- Stop in the middle of the road or on zig zag lines to drop your child off, even for a few seconds

Park facing down School Lane

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Car Park



The signage on the school gates is clear. For the safety of everyone, we request that the car park is used for staff parking and deliveries only. No pedestrian access.

Parents and carers who are dropping off or picking up from Wrap Around Care must not use the car park.

The gates to the school car park will be locked before the start and end of the school day.

Dogs, with the exception of guide and assistance dogs, should not be brought onto the school premises. Please consider leaving your dog at home when coming to school.

