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Dear Reception Parents & Carers,

STARTING SCHOOL – SEPTEMBER 2020

It was wonderful to meet so many of you during our Open Mornings last week. Thank you very much for attending and for your patience during these unprecedented circumstances. Although we were unable to offer our usual Reception open morning experience, we hope that you still found the meeting in school and time in the outside area to be useful, and that the children feel eager to start at Dalmain in September. We certainly cannot wait for them to start with us!

I am now in a position to confirm arrangements for the new term and am excited to share this with you below.

Accompanying this letter is a document that details your child's:

- Meeting date and time with their new class teacher (this will either be Monday 7th or Tuesday 8th September)
- Staggered start group – please locate this and then check the timetable below

1:1 Meetings with Class Teachers

Unfortunately, we will not be able to facilitate home visits in September. Although we had hoped that we could, we are unable to organise this in a way that would keep the children, families and our staff safe. We have, however, arranged for 1:1 meetings with your child's class teacher, specific details of which are included in the accompanying document, and we are very much looking forward to getting to know you all during this meeting.

Please enter the school via the main yellow school gate, after which you will be directed to your meeting by a member of staff.

We will ensure that all meetings are conducted in a socially distanced manner and please can we ask that only one parent or carer attends along with your child. Please do not bring siblings.

We are offering time slots of 20 minutes for children who have not attended Dalmain's Nursery and 15 minute slots for children who did attend our Nursery. Please check the timetable carefully and arrive on time for the meeting. We will be operating to a very tight schedule and will not be able to accommodate additional time if you are running late. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Staggered Start – from Wednesday 9th September

Following the 1:1 meetings, we have a staggered start to the new term for our 2020-21 Reception Cohort. Below are the details of when your child is expected in school, including arrival and pick-up times, and whether or not they will stay in school for lunch. Please check it carefully and let us know as soon as possible if there are any problems.



Week Beginning 7 th September					
	Monday 7 th	Tuesday 8 th	Wednesday 9 th	Thursday 10 th	Friday 11 th
Group A	1:1 meetings Children & families meet with their Class Teacher – see timetable that accompanies this letter	1:1 meetings Children & families meet with their Class Teacher – see timetable that accompanies this letter	Half Day Arrive: 8:45am Pick up: 11:30am Children go home before lunch	Half Day Arrive: 8:45am Pick up: 11:30am Children go home before lunch	Half Day + Lunch Arrive: 8:45am Pick up: 1:15pm Children have lunchtime at school then go home
Group B			-	-	Half Day Arrive: 8:45am Pick up: 11:30am Children go home before lunch
Group C			-	-	-

Week Beginning 14 th September					
	Monday 14 th	Tuesday 15 th	Wednesday 16 th	Thursday 17 th	Friday 18 th
Group A	Half Day + Lunch Arrive: 8:45am Pick up: 1:15pm Children have lunchtime at school then go home	Half Day + Lunch Arrive: 8:45am Pick up: 1:15pm Children have lunchtime at school then go home	Half Day + Lunch Arrive: 8:45am Pick up: 1:15pm Children have lunchtime at school then go home	Half Day + Lunch Arrive: 8:45am Pick up: 1:15pm Children have lunchtime at school then go home	Half Day + Lunch Arrive: 8:45am Pick up: 1:15pm Children have lunchtime at school then go home

Group B	Half Day Arrive: 8:45am Pick up: 11:30am Children go home before lunch	Half Day + Lunch Arrive: 8:45am Pick up: 1:15pm Children have lunchtime at school then go home	Half Day + Lunch Arrive: 8:45am Pick up: 1:15pm Children have lunchtime at school then go home	Half Day + Lunch Arrive: 8:45am Pick up: 1:15pm Children have lunchtime at school then go home	Half Day + Lunch Arrive: 8:45am Pick up: 1:15pm Children have lunchtime at school then go home
Group C	-	Half Day Arrive: 8:45am Pick up: 11:30am Children go home before lunch	Half Day Arrive: 8:45am Pick up: 11:30am Children go home before lunch	Half Day + Lunch Arrive: 8:45am Pick up: 1:15pm Children have lunchtime at school then go home	Half Day + Lunch Arrive: 8:45am Pick up: 1:15pm Children have lunchtime at school then go home

Week Beginning 21st September					
	Monday 21 st	Tuesday 22 nd	Wednesday 23 rd	Thursday 24 th	Friday 25 th
Group A	From Monday 21 st September, all children will be in school full time (specific children continue with half days if needed) Arrive: 8:45am Pick Up: 3:15pm				
Group B	From Monday 21 st September, all children will be in school full time (specific children continue with half days if needed) Arrive: 8:45am Pick Up: 3:15pm				
Group C	From Monday 21 st September, all children will be in school full time (specific children continue with half days if needed) Arrive: 8:45am Pick Up: 3:15pm				

Please note, however, that all of the above depends on any changes in the latest Government guidance and the national Covid-19 infection rate. If there is an increase in cases and opening the school to all pupils becomes too great a risk to the Dalmain community then we will have to reassess and potentially change the date when Reception can safely return to school. I would, of course, write to you as soon as I could to communicate any change in the Reception start date.

Uniform

Just a quick reminder that all children are expected to be in school uniform, not their own clothes, and that clothes are washed daily to reduce the risk of spreading any viruses. If uniform is not available the following day due to washing, please ensure that your child is dressed in a plain white t-shirt and plain black or grey trousers / skirt as a minimum expectation.

All details of what our school uniform is and where to buy it can be found on our website. Please let us know if you need help with items of school clothing as we have spare uniform in our lost property that we are more than happy to supply families with.

New Starter – Information

All information required for the start of the new term plus the information covered during the Open Mornings last week can be found on our website under Parents & Carers – New Starters – Reception. If there are any changes to the information posted here, we will write to you separately as soon as we can.

See you in September!

We are exceptionally excited about welcoming you all to Dalmain Primary School, and to your child's formative steps into the wonderful world of learning and discovery. We will be closed from 21st July-2nd September but please let us know outside of these dates if you have any questions and we will be more than happy to assist. The school can be contacted on admin@dalmain.lewisham.sch.uk or 020 8699 2675.

I wish you all a happy, safe and relaxing summer holiday, and look forward to seeing you from Monday 7th September.

With very best wishes,

Ms Eisele
Headteacher