



Spring Term

Information

By sending your child to school we will presume consent to the Covid Safe Agreement and that you have agreed to follow government guidance on staying alert and safe.

Any plans communicated below will be for the Spring Term. We will review and refine them as needed and publish any updates as required.

Much of the below information remains the same as the Autumn Term but please read again carefully to support our collective approach in and around school.

All plans are subject to change at short notice should there be any local or national changes in the Covid 19 situation. If so, we would communicate as soon as possible with parents and carers

Essential Information

Attendance	<p>All children are expected in school every day – it is the law and it is compulsory from the start of March. All Dalmain pupils are expected in school from Monday 8th March 2021 The Government have been very clear that they will issue fines for non-attendance.</p> <p>The only exception is for our new January intake Nursery pupils who will follow a staggered start timetable for the first few weeks, after which they are also expected in school promptly every day.</p>
Punctuality	<p>With eight different year groups, we are very conscious that some parents/carers have children across a range of year groups and will need to drop off children at different points. We will keep this under careful review and will accept children arriving slightly later within reason (up to 15 minutes maximum) to accommodate the time it takes to move from one drop off place to the next.</p> <p>Please ONLY use the agreed entry and exits points for each year group. Please DO NOT cut across the school playground at any time or use shortcuts. It is essential that this is maintained by all parents and carers. We appreciate your support in keeping everyone as safe as possible by following the above entry and exit points consistently.</p>
Staggered Drop Off & Pick Up Times	<p>All drop off and pick up times remain the same as the Autumn Term.</p> <p>Please do not arrive earlier than your start time. Children will not be allowed on site until your year group's allocated time and waiting outside the school is unsafe and increases contact with others. Please respect the safety of all within our community and support us to keep everyone as safe as possible.</p> <p>In order to keep everyone safe, including the adults dropping off and picking up, we are going to continue with staggered drop-off and pick-up times, limited to either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8:45am drop off – 3:00pm pick up• 9:00am drop off – 3:15pm pick up <p>Please see the main letter with this attachment for further details and drop off / pick up locations for each year group.</p> <p>Please can we ask that parents respect social distancing outside of the school gates for the safety of all within our community.</p>

<p>New Starters – NURSERY January Intake</p>	<p>Parents and carers will have received information from the School Office before the end of the Autumn Term offering their child a place in Nursery. Specific information about their start date and timings will be communicated with you this week. Please contact the School Office at attendance@dalmain.lewisham.sch.uk if you have any further questions.</p> <p>New Starter Information</p> <p>All information required for the start of the new term can be found on our website under Parents & Carers – Starting School – Nursery.</p> <p>Pupil Information</p> <p>Please ensure that the School Office receives all documentation required before you child starts with us in Nursery. If we have not received it, this could delay your child’s start. Thank you for your support.</p>
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Daily Life in School

<p>Uniform</p>	<p>We will be expecting all children to be in full school uniform every day. The Government guidance now states that children’s clothes do not need to be washed more than normal but we would recommend sending your children in to school in clean clothes each day. Please avoid bringing any additional items of clothing to school.</p> <p>If any families need support with school uniform, please contact the School Office know as we have some spare uniform and lost property available.</p> <p>School uniform consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maroon sweatshirt or cardigan with school badge • Trousers / skirt / shorts – grey or black • Plain white shirt, or white polo shirt (with or without school badge) • Summer dresses – yellow & white or red & white check • Footwear: plain, flat, dark coloured shoes or dark coloured trainers (no heels or open toes) • Tie (optional) • No logos or designer labels are permitted
<p>PE Kit</p>	<p>On your child’s PE day, your child should come into school in PE kit and then wear it for the day. This means we will not have PE kits being stored in school and you can wash them each week.</p> <p>Your child’s teacher will inform your child of what day they will be having PE during the first week back.</p> <p>PE kit consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White T-shirt (school badge optional) • Dark blue, grey or black shorts / jogging bottoms • Dark coloured plimsoles or trainers
<p>Face Masks</p>	<p>Please see below under PPE – Staff & Pupils</p>
<p>Lunchtime</p>	<p><i>What will happen at lunch time?</i></p> <p>Children will remain in their bubbles at lunch time. Playground areas will be cordoned off to ensure social distancing and lunch times will be staggered to ensure all children can access outside areas.</p> <p><i>What will happen with school dinners?</i></p> <p>We have been working closely with AiP (our meal providers) to make sure we provide a balanced and nutritious menu in a safe environment. Children in Year 2 will receive hot meals in their classroom which will be provided in biodegradable boxes with biodegradable cutlery. Teachers will assist children to select their menu options each morning when the registers are taken.</p>

	<p>Key Stage 2 children and children in Reception and Year 1 will have a staggered lunch service in the main hall with a one-way system in place to ensure social distancing, with no more than one year group in the hall at any time.</p> <p>The three week menu is on our website: https://www.dalmain.lewisham.sch.uk/school-meals</p> <p>We strongly encourage children to have school meals this term. We are keen to avoid a large number of packed lunch items being brought into school and taken home again – any reduction of belongings that need to be brought into school makes the school environment safer for all children. If your child does need to bring in a packed lunch, please ensure that any waste is biodegradable (i.e. paper bags that can be put in the food waste). Lunch boxes will be taken up to classrooms instead of putting them on the shelves in the morning so as to minimise contact between children.</p>
Safeguarding	<p>Please follow the usual procedures for any safeguarding concerns or if you need support.</p> <p>A directory of support for safeguarding and wellbeing can be found on our website under Parent & Carers – Safeguarding & Wellbeing.</p>
Wellbeing	<p>Within our Recovery Curriculum, we have prioritised wellbeing of children at all levels. Dalmain is a Wellbeing Hub leader across Lewisham and the expertise we have within our staff team is exceptional. Miss Mann, one of our Assistant Headteachers, will be leading this and she will work closely with class teachers, the Inclusion Team and Senior Leadership to ensure that the needs of our pupils are met, particularly during this time of transition back to formal school learning.</p>
SEND	<p>All SEND needs will be met through quality first provision and the support dedicated to individual needs, as in a normal school year. We do not know if external agencies will come in to school as they would have but we will support them if they do and liaise promptly with these agencies and children’s families where needed.</p> <p>As expected, after an extended period away from school last academic year, we saw an increase in SEND needs of individuals. With approximately 400 children at Dalmain, we will continue to focus our provision based on the priorities of individuals, our school resources and the personnel available. Please be assured that we have an exceptional team of experienced and dedicated practitioners who are skilled at supporting a wide range of needs in their classrooms to ensure that individuals make accelerated progress.</p>
Medical Needs including Clinically Extremely Vulnerable	<p>Please check that all relevant medication is in school and that it is up to date. All medicines should be clearly labelled. Parents / carers need to deliver this to the School Office by Monday 8th March at the latest – no child who needs medication should be in school until this has been received by the School Office.</p> <p>CEV: We know that some parents with children who are considered clinically extremely vulnerable will be worried about returning to school. The school supports the advice given by your GP and will work closely with families to provide the best for their child on an individual basis. If you have any question or need to update us on any change in circumstances following the recent Covid 19 developments, please contact the school as soon as possible.</p>
Bubbles	<p>Each year group will be a single bubble. We have staggered lunchtimes and playtimes with the playground being sectioned into different areas so that we can limit the amount of mixing between year groups.</p> <p>We are working hard at developing measures to separate classes within year-group bubbles as much as possible and will continue to monitor how we can improve this provision.</p>
Assemblies	<p>In line with Government guidance, we will only run limited assemblies for single year group bubbles at a time in the Top Hall where we ventilate the room well and seat children as far away from each other as possible.</p>
Equipment in School	<p>Pupils should bring in their own water bottle for their individual use. These must be labelled and can be refilled during the day.</p> <p>Pupils can bring school bags but should not bring any unnecessary equipment into school – school bags should be used for water bottles, lunch and reading books / Reading Records only.</p>

	<p>We will be giving pupils their own equipment to use while they are at school and these will be dedicated for their personal use. Any equipment shared across a year group e.g. sports equipment will be fully disinfected before each class uses it.</p> <p>Lunch boxes will be taken up to classrooms instead of putting them on the shelves in the morning so as to minimise contact between children.</p>
Walking Home Alone	<p>Y6 & some Y5 pupils will be allowed to walk to school by themselves, if parents so choose, as long as we have been given written parental permission and this arrangement has been agreed by the school first. It will be the individual parent's responsibility to discuss with their child the importance of social distancing and the necessary precautions to take to keep themselves and others safe on their journeys to and from school.</p>

Extra-Curricular Activities

Breakfast Club	<p>We will continue with Breakfast Club as normal. However, the children will still need to be separated into phase groups in order to maintain the consistency of separating year group bubbles.</p>
After School Clubs	<p>Please contact Acorn Club or Rainbow Club for more information.</p> <p>Acorn Club: 020 8291 3181</p> <p>Rainbow Club: 07963 515218</p>
Clubs	<p>We are hoping that all clubs, as advertised in our letter of 8th December 2020, will run in the summer term. There will be a separate communication from the school about clubs in the coming weeks as we will be asking all parents/carers to sign up again.</p>
Individual & Small Group Music Lessons	<p>Arrangements for instrumental lessons will continue as they had been during Autumn Term 2.</p> <p>Instrumental lessons resume during the week beginning 15th March 2021.</p>
Trips	<p><i>Will the residential trip go ahead for Year 6?</i></p> <p>We have managed to postpone the Year 6 residential and this has been rescheduled to the 24-28 June 2021. This will depend on any local/national lockdown measures in place at the time.</p> <p><i>Will the residential trip go ahead for Year 5?</i></p> <p>Year 4 were unable to attend their Naturesbase camping residential last term, so this has been rescheduled to 7-11 June 2021. This will depend on any local/national lockdown measures in place at the time.</p> <p><i>Will the residential trip go ahead for Year 4?</i></p> <p>We have a Year 4 Naturesbase residential trip booked for 28 June-2 July (dependent on any local/national lockdown measures in place at the time). We will write to Year 4 separately about this.</p> <p><i>I've already paid for a school trip. What happens to that money?</i></p> <p>Any money paid for the June 2020 Naturesbase or the September 2020 PGL trip will be carried over to the new trips. In the event that the trip doesn't go ahead, you will be refunded everything you have paid except the deposit.</p> <p><i>I've paid for school trips via ParentMail. How do I get that money back?</i></p> <p>If any trips/school journeys have been cancelled your money will be refunded (not deposits) via the ParentMail account.</p> <p><i>Will you still run school trips for all the children?</i></p>

	<p>School trips are an important part of the curriculum at Dalmain and we will look at ways we can reintroduce school trips as soon as possible, but because we don't want to use public transport, trips will be very difficult in the short term.</p> <p>At this stage, we will still not be taking children out of school on trips.</p>
Swimming	<p>Because the swimming pools have been closed, we have not been able to organise swimming lessons as in previous years. We will monitor the situation, and if the pool reopens and we feel it is safe to deliver swimming lessons we will write to parents/carers of children in the relevant year groups.</p>

Academic Subjects

Academic Recovery	<p>First of all, please don't worry. We are in a very challenging situation but our children adapted extremely well to being back in school in September and we have every confidence that this will also be the case in March.</p> <p>Our full Recovery Curriculum has been implemented and staff continue to receive additional training to address the different starting points that children will return to us with. We will continue to provide an ambitious and broad curriculum in all subjects. We will focus on all elements of the national curriculum, with an emphasis on practising basic skills and addressing gaps in knowledge.</p> <p>Our provision will continue to be focused on filling any educational gaps and to bringing all children up to the expected level of attainment. However, wellbeing will be the primary focus of our curriculum when the children throughout this challenging situation.</p> <p>Our Recovery Curriculum will last as long as needs to ensure that the children are happy, settled and back up to the expected attainment levels. We are utilising the limited additional funding in a variety of ways to close as many gaps as possible.</p> <p>In the event of a bubble having to isolate, or a partial or complete lockdown, we will provide online learning via Microsoft Teams. This worked well last term when children needed to learn from home but we will continue to improve our remote education offer should this situation occur again and will keep our home learning strategy under review.</p>
Assessments	<p>No pupils will be tested more than any previous academic years and we will continue to follow our Assessment Policy as normal.</p> <p><u>Changes to 2021 National Curriculum Assessments</u></p> <p>In February, the Secretary of State for Education announced changes to the 2021 assessments – please see below for details:</p> <p><i>“We have cancelled the statutory Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 tests and key teacher assessments planned for summer 2021”</i></p> <p>This includes the phonics screening check for year 1 pupils (and year 2 pupils who have not met the expected standard previously)</p>

Keeping Safe

<p>Risk Assessments</p>	<p>All decisions are made after a thorough risk assessment process involving the Local Authority, School Governors, the Staff Team and Unions.</p> <p>We keep all risk assessments under constant review.</p>
<p>Hygiene Measures to Prevent Transmission</p>	<p>We will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use the COVID-19: cleaning of non-healthcare settings guidance to inform our school-specific risk assessments • ensure that sufficient handwashing facilities are available; all classrooms have access to sinks, soap, paper towels; hand sanitiser will be available in areas without access to soap and water • clean surfaces that children and young people are touching, such as toys, desks, chairs, doors, sinks, toilets, light switches, more regularly than normal • have additional cleaners, responsible for cleaning touch points, who will work alongside the premises team throughout the day and follow a specific timetable • ensure that lidded pedal bins for tissues are emptied throughout the day • where possible, ensure spaces are well ventilated • prop doors open, where safe to do so (bearing in mind fire safety and safeguarding), to limit use of door handles and aid ventilation • follow our updated Covid Safe Agreement and speak regularly with children about the expectations within • adjust teacher movement in class to ensure that we fit within safety guidelines • strongly encourage children to walk / cycle to school wherever possible <p>All adults and children will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • frequently wash their hands with soap and water for 20 seconds and dry them thoroughly with disposable hand towels • clean their hands on arrival at school, before and after eating, and after sneezing or coughing • be encouraged not to touch their mouth, eyes and nose • use a tissue or elbow to cough or sneeze and use bins for tissue waste ('catch it, bin it, kill it') • ensure that help is available for children and young people who have trouble cleaning their hands independently • encourage young children to learn and practise these habits • move around school using the spacers that have been positioned around school to encourage distance between individuals
<p>PPE – Staff & Pupils</p>	<p>Public Health England does not recommend the use of face coverings in schools. Primary aged children are not required to wear masks while on public transport or in public places. When pupils arrive in their class they will be required to wash their hands immediately.</p> <p>If your child needs to wear a face-mask at school due to health reasons, you will be required to provide written confirmation from your child's doctor before your child will be allowed to wear a mask in school.</p> <p>We continue to have a stock of PPE within school, including face-masks, disposable gloves, disposable aprons, hand sanitisers and soap, if required for close first aid for example.</p> <p>We will follow the Government guidelines which state:</p> <p><i>In primary schools, we recommend that face coverings should be worn by staff and adult visitors in situations where social distancing between adults is not possible (for example, when moving around in corridors and communal areas). Children in primary school do not need to wear a face covering.</i></p> <p>Our approach to this remains under continual review and any decisions made are following agreement from the Staff Team.</p>

<p>Child Showing Symptoms</p>	<p>We will follow the Government guidelines which state:</p> <p><i>If anyone becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature in an education or childcare setting, they must be sent home and advised to follow the COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection guidance.</i></p> <p><i>If a child is awaiting collection, they should be moved, if possible, to a room where they can be isolated behind a closed door, depending on the age of the child and with appropriate adult supervision if required. Ideally, a window should be opened for ventilation. If it is not possible to isolate them, move them to an area which is at least 2 metres away from other people.</i></p> <p><i>If they need to go to the bathroom while waiting to be collected, they should use a separate bathroom if possible. The bathroom should be cleaned and disinfected using standard cleaning products before being used by anyone else. PPE should be worn by staff caring for the child while they await collection if a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained (such as for a very young child or a child with complex needs). In an emergency, call 999 if they are seriously ill or injured or their life is at risk. Do not visit the GP, pharmacy, urgent care centre or a hospital.</i></p>
<p>Testing</p>	<p>Please follow this link for the latest information: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested</p> <p>Anyone with symptoms can get a coronavirus test, whatever their age. Testing is most effective within 3 days of symptoms developing.</p> <p>You may be offered a test if you do not have symptoms.</p> <p>The test involves taking a swab of the nose and the back of the throat, which can be done by the person themselves (self-administered) or by someone else (assisted).</p> <p>The different ways you can get tested are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - test sites - home testing - mobile testing units - satellite centres
<p>Response to Any Infection – What We Will Do</p>	<p>The latest Government guidance is below:</p> <p>Pupils, staff and other adults must not come into the school if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • they have one or more coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms • a member of their household (including someone in their support bubble or childcare bubble if they have one) has coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms • they are required to quarantine having recently visited countries outside the Common Travel Area • they have had a positive test <p>They must immediately cease to attend and not attend for at least 10 days from the day after:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the start of their symptoms • the test date if they did not have any symptoms but have had a positive test (whether this was a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) or Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test) <p>Anyone told to isolate by NHS Test and Trace or by their public health protection team has a legal obligation to self-isolate, but you may leave home to avoid injury or illness or to escape risk of harm. More information can be found on NHS Test and Trace: how it works.</p> <p>If anyone in school develops a new and continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • send them home to begin isolation - the isolation period includes the day the symptoms started and the next 10 full days • advise them to follow the guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection • advise them to arrange to have a test as soon as possible to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19) <p>Other members of their household (including any siblings and members of their support or childcare bubble if they have one) should self-isolate. Their isolation period includes the day symptoms started for the first person in their household, or the day their test was taken if they did not have</p>

	<p>symptoms, whether this was a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) or Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test), and the next 10 full days. If a member of the household starts to display symptoms while self-isolating they will need to restart the 10 day isolation period and book a test.</p> <p>If anyone tests positive whilst not experiencing symptoms but develop symptoms during the isolation period, they must restart the 10 day isolation period from the day they developed symptoms.</p> <p>If there is a confirmed case at Dalmain, the entire bubble, including staff members, will be asked to stay at home for 10 days from the last point of contact. The school will write to parents/carers of this bubble with specific information.</p> <p>Children will be provided with online learning through Microsoft Teams – please ensure that you have your child’s login details or lets us know if you are having trouble gaining access.</p>
<p>Daily Temperature Checks</p>	<p>We will not be undertaking thermometer testing upon arrival.</p> <p>However, we may use a non-invasive thermometer which points to the forehead if we suspect a child of having symptoms.</p>

Parents & Carers Information

<p>Parents On Site</p>	<p>To reduce contact between individuals, maintain the safety of pupils and staff, we will not be allowing parents on to the school site unless specified in the Spring Term Timetable document. However, we will keep this position under review.</p> <p>Social Distancing outside school: Please can we ask that, to ensure the safety of all within our community, parents and carers maintain as much distance as possible between each other when dropping off and picking up. This will also support safe transitions between parents / carers and the school at the busy times of morning drop off and afternoon pick up. Thank you for your understanding and support with this.</p> <p>Please stand back from the gate / entrance points and observe the social distancing markers that have been painted on the floor.</p> <p>We do appreciate that this feels strange and may feel like contact with teachers is more limited but we must ensure that we are doing everything that we can to maintain as much distance as possible. Senior Leaders may be available every morning and evening, depending on their commitments across the school, and you can also make contact through the School Office at admin@dalmain.lewisham.sch.uk or complete the meeting request form on the school website as normal.</p> <p>You may only come in to the school building to drop off medication or for a pre-arranged meeting. All meetings must be confirmed prior to arrival and we will ask that you follow our Covid-Safe Agreement and social distancing measures while in school.</p> <p>As we continue to find our way through this situation together, we appreciate your feedback or suggestions about how we could improve contact with parents / carers while prioritising safety, and the education and wellbeing of our pupils.</p>
<p>Cashless Payment & ParentMail</p>	<p>From 1st September 2020, Dalmain no longer accepts cash payments. We ask that payments are made via ParentMail, but we do also have the facility to accept credit/debit card payments in the school office. You can also pay via PayPoint at selected shops.</p>