

Information for parents for September 2021

Section 1: Public health advice to minimise coronavirus (COVID-19) risks

Central Government or Local Public Health may advise the school to implement systems of control once again if there was to be a local outbreak either in school or in the local area. Therefore, whilst we intend to operate the school as per the information below, we will always be responsive to the live Covid-19 situation in order to minimise risk of transmission and we would communicate any changes of our operation to you. Measures could be stepped up or down in the future, depending on local circumstances.

Section 2: School operations

Timings

School will return to a more familiar timetable from September. All gates will be in operation to enter and exit the school site at both drop off and pick up times for pedestrians. **Vehicular access will not be allowed.**

- **Start time for all year groups**

Doors open at 8.45am (Year 5 & 6 to line up at their class number on the playground)

Registration at 8.55am

If your child arrives later than 8.55am, they must be taken to the school office in order to be signed in.

- **Finish time**

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

3.00pm

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6

3.10pm

Groupings

The DfE have issued guidance to say that it will be no longer necessary to keep children in consistent groups (bubbles). Therefore, the school will operate, as it was pre-Covid-19 and allow children to work in different groupings if necessary for their education. The school can also carry out full assemblies with a mixture of year groups.

Year 5 & 6 walking to and from school (those children that will be in Year 5 and 6 from September 2021)

- Year 6 children (current Year 5) who already have permission to walk to and from school – these children will be allowed to do so from their first day back to school.
- Year 6 children (current Year 5) who currently do not have permission to walk to and from school - a new letter will be issued in September to those currently not permitted so that parents/carers can update their preference. If parents/carers would like their Year 6 child to walk to and from school from the first day, the child can bring a letter explaining this. The letter must clearly show the date, the parent/carer name and signature. Alternatively, email this information to enquiries@delapre.northants.sch.uk as soon as possible.
- Year 5 children (current Year 4) – parents/carers should have received an email via ParentPay, as well as a hard copy letter, containing a 'walk to and from school permission slip' and some further instructions. A child can only walk home alone once this permission slip is returned to school (this could be the first day back or before if permission is received either by email or letter). You can email this information to enquiries@delapre.northants.sch.uk.

All children walking to and from school independently must be reminded that they should not congregate in groups anywhere on their route to and from school. If the school becomes aware of unacceptable behaviour of any of our children, on the way to school or on the way home, parents/carers will be contacted. Whilst in Delapre uniform children are representing our school, and the privilege to walk to and from school could be removed for any child not displaying positive behaviour in our local area.

Hygiene

Good hygiene practices will continue throughout the school. All children will need to either wash their hands on arrival to school or use the hand sanitiser provided in all classrooms. Staff will continue to ensure children wash/sanitise their hands at key points throughout the day. For the younger children, it would also be helpful for handwashing to be practised at home. Please see the following link <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/> Ensuring fingernails are short will help with effective handwashing.

The 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach also continues to be very important as part of good hygiene.

Uniform

Over the past fourteen months, our usually tight uniform expectations have been slightly relaxed, for a number of reasons. However, from September, children will be expected to wear their full school uniform every day. **This includes no playsuits – these are not suitable for when the children need to go to the toilet, or change for P.E.** Please see the other attachment as a reminder of uniform expectations, including those on jewellery, nail varnish, hair and hair accessories. Children will no longer be expected to come to school in P.E kit on P.E days. The children will change into P.E kit in school, therefore please ensure your child has their kit in school at all times. Please also ensure **all items** are named.

Enhanced cleaning regimes

Particular attention is paid to those surfaces that are frequently touched like door handles. Extra cleaning materials have been provided in every classroom and learning space.

Water bottle

All children will need to bring with them a named water bottle.

Extra-curricular clubs

The school will look to re-start extra-curricular clubs in Autumn Term. Further communication regarding any extra-curricular clubs will be issued to parents/carers in the first few weeks back.

Confirmed cases

If someone tests positive for Covid-19, advice from Public Health must be sought. Children should not come into school if they have symptoms, have had a positive test result or if they need to quarantine. Schools will no longer be responsible for tracking and tracing close contacts of any positive cases. This will all be handled by Public Health.

Section 3: Curriculum and assessment

Curriculum

The school will continue to offer a curriculum that is broad, balanced and ambitious whilst ensuring any gaps in children's knowledge are addressed. This may be by adjusting the lessons for the whole class or by intervention (one to one or group).

Assessments including Statutory Primary Assessments

From the first day in September, staff will be using their own observations and professional judgements, alongside diagnostic ones, to provide information on how to address any gaps in knowledge and/or skills in order to ensure the progression of each child.

It is likely to be confirmed that testing will go ahead in the next academic year as follows:

- Year 1 phonics screening
- KSI assessments and tests
- Year 4 multiplication check
- KS2 assessments and tests

In addition to this, it is definitely confirmed that children in Year 2 will need to take a Phonics Screening Check in the Autumn Term. Exact dates and further information about the Screening Check will be communicated closer to the time.

The new Reception baseline, that was due to become statutory in September 2020, will now be statutory to begin in September 2021.

Section 4: Contingency Planning for Outbreaks

If a child displays a symptom of Covid-19 (a new continuous cough, a high temperature and or a loss of or change in taste or smell), they should not attend school. Parents/carers should book a test for them and they should stay off school until their test result is known. School will need to see evidence of the test result and, assuming the result is negative, and the child feels well enough to return to school, then they can once again attend. If the result is positive, the child needs to continue to self-isolate for 10 days from when the symptoms started (the day after the symptoms started is classed as day 1). The rest of the household (whilst waiting for the test result and if the result is positive) should follow Public Health England guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus infection <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

If a child displays symptoms of COVID-19 whilst in school, in line with guidance, the school has an isolation room set up. The children will remain there with a member of staff, who will don the appropriate PPE if necessary, until parents/carers arrive to pick them up.

If we need to shut down any part of the school, we will potentially need to contact you urgently. **It is vital that all parents/carers register to the ParentPay online payment/communication system in order that the school can send immediate notification** in the event of a closure of part of or all of the school. If your child is new to the school, you will receive a ParentPay activation letter at the beginning of the school year.

Remote Education

Delapre uses a number of platforms to deliver remote education, should the need arise.

Reception – Tapestry (Parents will be provided with an account that will need activating)

Year 1 and Year 2 – Purple Mash (Login details for children moving into Year 1 will be given out in September)

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 – Microsoft Teams (Login details for children moving into Year 3 will be given out in September)

