

Great Dalby Primary School

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1st March 2021

Dear Parents

We cannot wait to open Great Dalby Primary School to all children next week, Monday 8th March. When we reopen our school, it is essential that we continue to follow our COVID system of controls in an attempt to reduce transmission in the school setting if a positive case were to arise. The most important elements of our systems are: distance; face coverings; hand and respiratory hygiene; enhanced cleaning and ventilation. Behaviour is also very important and I have attached our policy addendum so you can remind your child/ren of the importance of good and helpful behaviour in school at this time.

Please read this information carefully, noting any changes or vital information in **red**.

Please remember and adhere to the **drop off and pick up times and locations**. Only arrive between your designated times at the start of the day, entering through the side gate and exiting through the large gates. Please drop and go if you can. At the end of the day, please enter through the side gate, arrive at your designated time and leave the playground immediately once you have your child/children. Exit through the large gates.

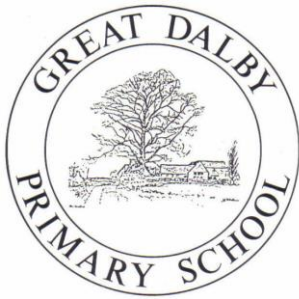
Please do not block the pavement, keeping a fluid stream of people will ease congestion and reduce the potential risk of transmission.

Class	1	2	3	4	5
Teacher	Mrs Nelmes & Mrs Corner	Mrs J Ward	Mrs Bradding & Mrs Lander	Mrs Allen	Mr Bryan
Arrival Time	8.45am – 8.55am			8.55am – 9.05am	
Collection Time	3.10pm			3.20pm	

Parents will not be permitted to pass the row of cones – members of Class 1 and Class 2 will be waiting outside their classrooms from 8.45am.

All children in Class 1, 2 and 3 must enter school between 8.45-8.55am, after this time they will have to wait with you until the other classes are in, after 9.05am





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We want to continue to help parents with **siblings**, however those children who arrive before 8.55am in Class 4 and 5 will be required to wait until the teachers are ready to receive them. This may mean waiting on the playground with me for a few minutes or keeping them with you off site until 8.55am.

A **face covering** must be worn whilst you are on the school grounds unless you are exempt. **You are not allowed onsite without a face covering.**

Only one adult should be dropping off and collecting children. Please also discourage your child/ren from mixing at the end of the day if walking to meet you in the pub car park, particularly with those children in a different bubble. **Households are still not permitted to mix.** This means playdates are not permitted. Please avoid car sharing, unless part of your informal child care arrangements with one other household only, this is national guidance.

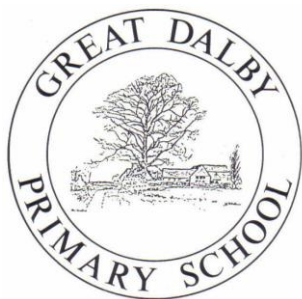
In the building

Just like before Christmas, in communal areas inside the school building, adults will be wearing **face coverings**. Staff who cross bubbles will wear a visor to teach. All adults endeavour to keep a social distance from each other and we have also asked the older children to try, where possible, to do the same. Staff may also wear face coverings in the classroom now too, if they wish.

Please do not send anything into school that is unnecessary. The children will need outerwear and their book bag only. **Unfortunately, toys, show and tell, birthday sweets and other items are not permitted at this time.** Anything coming home from school will only be handled by a nominated adult and the individual child. All reading books will continue to be used on a rolling programme, following a period in quarantine. **Please ensure your child/ren return with their pencil case and equipment as we are still not permitted to share.**

Peripatetic music lessons will restart on their usual days; the providers will be in touch with those families directly. **Year 4 brass** will continue in school and the children will have a fortnightly session within their bubble on Tuesday afternoons. All external staff follow our risk assessments and systems.





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As part of our risk assessment, **classrooms must be well ventilated** which means windows, and some doors, are open in rooms. With this in mind, on cooler days, please consider an extra layer under your child's t-shirt/shirt to make sure they are warm enough in the school day.

Our **wraparound care service** provided by Marvel Education will start from Monday 8th March. Marvel are working within our system of controls and mitigate any risks with further measures linked to their provision. Wraparound care will open from 7.30am and will be running from the end of the school day until 5.15pm. Please note, we cannot offer extended care beyond 5.15pm currently. **KS2** sports clubs will be offered, please look out for communication from Marvel.

PE will take place outside whenever possible and children will need to wear their kit to school on these days. If it is raining, PE will be taught inside in smaller groups. Please consider sending a pair of outdoor trainers for PE and a waterproof/additional layer on PE days.

Class 1 – Wednesday and Thursday

Class 2 – Tuesday and Friday

Class 3 – Monday and Thursday

Class 4 – Monday and Wednesday

Class 5 – Monday and Friday

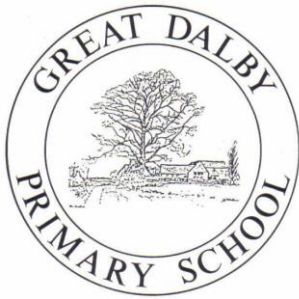
On return, our curriculum will continue to be broad, balanced and ambitious. The teachers will continue with their topics and we have an increased focus on well-being and PSHE. Our themes until Easter will be connectedness, hope, gratitude and self-efficacy. It would be really helpful if you would complete the short survey regarding your child/children that I will send via study bugs this week. In this survey, I am seeking information about engagement and levels of support required at home so we can best meet individual needs on the return to school. Please return this form by Thursday 4th March; thank you for your cooperation in advance. We are confident that the return to school will be smooth, however, if you have any concerns please call the office and ask to speak to the class teacher, myself or Mrs Corner.

If your child/ren are using the bus, please ask them to sit on their own or with their sibling.

Finally

For this period of time, please ensure any messages are communicated by calling the office, emailing office@greatdalby.bepschools.org or messaging on Studybugs. Mrs Corner and I are available directly using landerson@ and scorner@. Whilst your class teachers are also contactable via their direct emails, they may not check and respond quickly due to teaching commitments so the office is the quickest method of communication.





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Please continue to follow the guidance regarding symptoms and isolation; if anyone in the household has symptoms the whole household (including children) must isolate and the symptomatic person must be tested. Children must not return to school until a negative test result is received for the symptomatic person. Please let school know if your child has symptoms or a household member has symptoms as we have to record this information. If this occurs over the weekend please alert me directly via the form on our website or via email landerson@greatdalby.bepschools.org

With these measures in place and your support, we will endeavour to keep the children and staff as safe as possible at this difficult time. It is vitally important that none of us compromise these measures in any way. If you are in doubt of symptoms within your household, please do not send your child/ren into school and get a negative test before returning.

The team and I look forward to welcoming you back and hope you understand the measures in place are for everybody's safety. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

With best wishes

Mrs Anderson
Head teacher

