



Dalbeattie Primary School
 Dalbeattie Learning Campus
 Craginair Road
 Dalbeattie
 DG5 4LU
 Tel : 01556 613130
 Email: gw08officedalbeatti2@ea.dumgal.sch.uk
 Head Teacher: Mrs E. Duncan

Term 2 Week Ending 3rd December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and everyone is looking out for each other in these ongoing and challenging times.



COVID-19

As you will all be aware we have had a difficult time recently connected to COVID-19 with two classes requiring to be closed and PCRs carried out. I am aware of how many people were affected by this and hope that everyone is recovering well. Can I reassure you that mitigations continue to be in place throughout the school and we continue to remind and reinforce the importance of good hygiene practices to the children at all times.

I do think the children are fed up of my voice ringing throughout the school saying, "A thorough hand wash please," but needs must.

If your child is unwell, please do not send them to school and take advice from NHS as you feel is required. Everyone's health and wellbeing is of paramount importance to us all.

Face coverings/masks on school grounds are still required at pick up. Thank you to those of you that have continued to carry out this request to protect and keep everyone in our school community safe.

Staggered starts and finishes are also still in place to support covid mitigations. Please follow times for each class. Please also note that children who do not arrive until 9am when they are due in at 8.50, are missing important class learning time.

With regards communicating information to parents and families about these situations, we have taken onboard some feedback given and welcome this. We will continue to review our messaging service to make sure contacts are up to date and emails/messages are being sent. If you have any contact detail changes - mobile numbers, emails etc. can you please make sure these are shared with the school office.



Ventilation

One of the mitigations in place is that we maintain good ventilation throughout the school. As previously asked, children should wear additional layers under their school uniform to prevent them becoming cold. Should your child feel cold during class time please remind them to speak to the teacher and we can make additional arrangements in classes as required.



Dates for Diary

Please see attached Christmas events list (also on dojo) for dates and fundraising events.

We will share all results of our fundraising and raffles over the next few weeks on the school Dojo page.

Christmas Activity Days

The 3 days of our last week of term will be more relaxed for the children in terms of dress code and school uniform. Children may wear their own clothes, Christmas jumpers or fancy party clothes depending on when their activity day is. Class teachers will keep you informed of individual class arrangements.

Interim Reports

These have been emailed out today. Should you not receive your child's report, please contact the office email and we will resend. Please check junk emails and other inboxes first as this can sometimes happen.



Christmas Cards

As per last year (due to COVID-19) can we ask that these are not sent into school. We are trying not to have too much overlap of classes and our older pupils are not as available to sort cards to deliver around the school. If children would like to send to their friends, then can we ask you do this as families out with school. Thank you.



School Lunch Ordering

Having been required to teach in several different classes recently, I have seen first hand how helpful parents ordering lunches online is for the class teachers. Please can we ask that you continue to support us with this and complete school lunch orders online through ipayimpact. Even if your child has a packed lunch, could you please record this as it really is a time saver each morning for teachers.



Jackets

Could I please remind everyone again that children require waterproof outdoor jackets. We will be out at breaks and lunchtimes as much as possible even in slight drizzle. Many children are coming to school in lightweight sports tops, which are not suitable for the Scottish weather.

If anyone is having a clear out over the Christmas holidays any wellies or waterproofs that children have outgrown would be welcome to add to our outdoor learning clothing.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support and understanding throughout this term. At times things have been challenging but as a school team and community we continue to pull together to provide the best for our young people.

May I wish everyone a Merry Christmas when the time comes. Take care, stay safe and enjoy time over the festive period with family and friends.

Many thanks
Regards
Mrs E. Duncan